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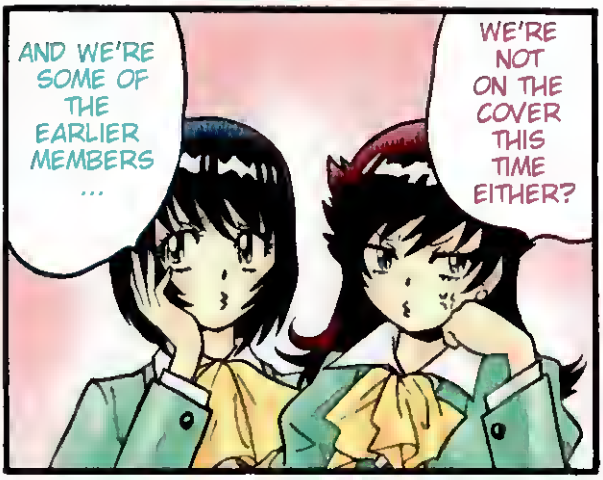
社会の中でたくましく成長を続ける薫、葵、紫穂の3人娘はどんなオトナになってゆくのか!?

皆様の温かいご声援を受けて、チルドレン、ついに進学。

大注目の中学生編スタート!!



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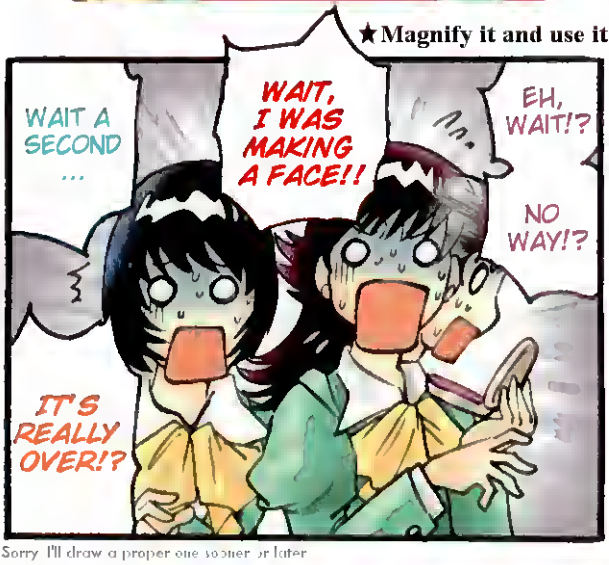

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★前巻までのあらすじ★

エスパーが、あらゆる分野で増え続ける21世紀――

「超度7」の最強特務エスパー・薫、葵、紫穂の3人娘は「ザ・チルドレン」として活躍中！

皆本光一は、超オマセでじゃじゃ馬な彼女たちの育成係として、日々奮闘しているのだが…

兵部の陰謀で、身も心も小学生に巻き戻されてしまった皆本は、チルドレンの同級生として、ドキドキの学園生活を送る！

チルドレンの必死の説得と想いが伝わり、皆本は、なんとか元通りの姿に。そして春…チルドレンも小学校を卒業、中学生編スタート!!

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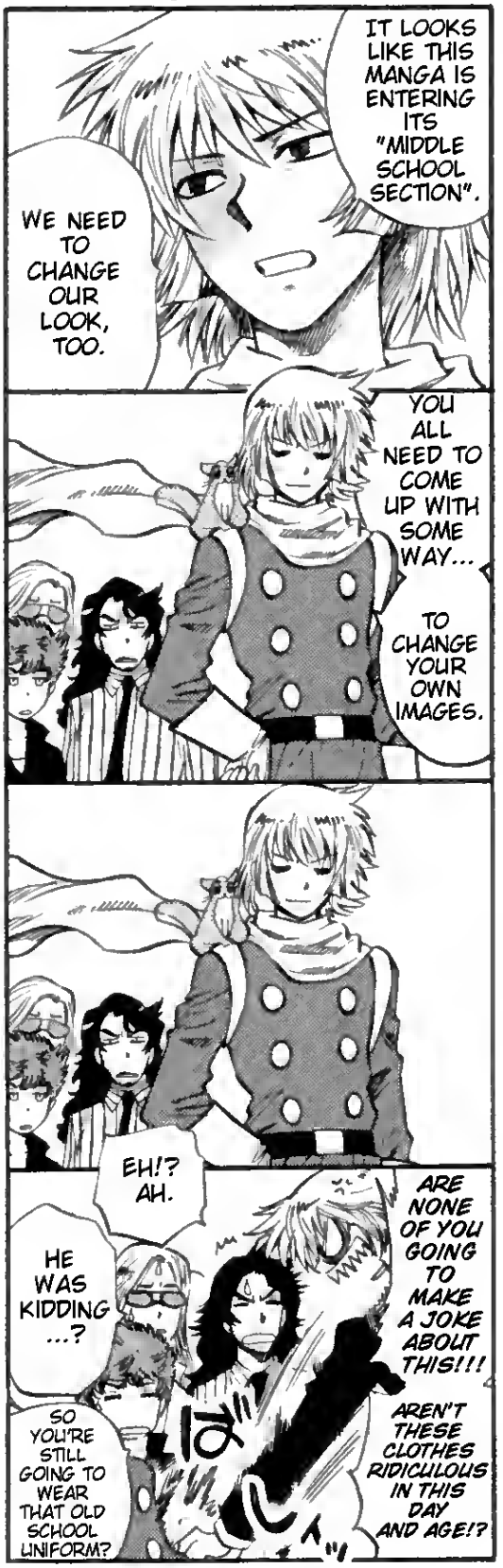
■椎名高志■

This is Naomi.
I've begun taking college-entrance exams.
ANNOYED!
ドス ドス
ドスッ ﾔﾏ…!!
In a sense, I managed to pass.
SATIS-FIED
thanks to Supervisor Tanizaki ♡


IT LOOKS LIKE THIS MANGA IS ENTERING ITS "MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION".
WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR LOOK, TOO.
YOU ALL NEED TO COME UP WITH SOME WAY...
TO CHANGE YOUR OWN IMAGES.
EH!? AH.
ARE NONE OF YOU GOING TO MAKE A JOKE ABOUT THIS!!!
HE WAS KIDDING ...?
AREN'T THESE CLOTHES RIDICULOUS IN THIS DAY AND AGE!?
SO YOU'RE STILL GOING TO WEAR THAT OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM?
ばしーん!!

THE RAIN THAT UNTIL YESTERDAY

LOOK

1st sense. 反抗作戦第一号(1)

「この地球のどこかで」作詞・三浦恵子／作曲・若松歓　JASRAC出0901847-901

HAS LET UP

CONTINUED TO POUR

1 "Kono Chikyuu no Dokoka de" - Lyrics by Miura Keiko - Music by Wakamatsu Kan

ON MY CHEEK

I FEEL THE DAWN'S WIND

Rokujouin Public Elementary School
Class of 2012 Graduation

Resistance Plan #1 (1)

1st sense. 反抗作戦 第一号(1)

ARE SURE TO BE DIFFERENT
EVEN THOUGH THE PATHS WE TAKE
LOOKING UP AT THE SAME SKY
OHHHH !!!
NGHH ....!!
WE WILL BE
NGH-HHHH !!!
ボロボロ...!!
TRY NOT TO STAND OUT SO MUCH.
CHIEF ...
3
IT'S EVEN WORSE WHEN YOU RAISED THEM.
AND WHEN IT COMES TO KIDS SINGING AT THEIR GRAD-UATION ...
RIGHT, MINA-MOTO-KUN?
THERE'S NO HELPING IT.
WELL, I'M ABOUT TO BE FLOODING WITH TEARS MYSELF ...
FROM SOMEWHERE ON THIS EARTH

I'M THEIR FATHER ...
NH ...!
ぐ...
N-NOT REALLY.
THIS IS JUST THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION ...!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE ...
YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK. JUST CRY.
I WON'T TELL THEM.
4
ふぇぇぇぇ...!!
!!
だーっ
ボボ...

THOSE BRATS...
DAMN IT...!

THEY'LL BE GONE SOON...

HOW ABOUT IT, MINA-MOTO!?
YOU GIRLS SURE ARE PERSIST-ENT!
BE HONEST. ♡
DID YOU CRY!?
YOU CRIED, DIDN'T YOU?
LIKE I'D CRY!
YOUR EYES ARE RED. ♡
6
.....
WAIT ...
YOU TRAITOR!
WOW, HE'S REALLY CRYING!!
I TOOK SOME PHOTOS.

THANK YOU.
.....!
THANKS, MINAMOTO-HAN.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL...
AND TO GRAD-UATE.

YOU MADE OUR MEALS EVERYDAY ...
YOU HELPED US STUDY ...
AND PLAYED WITH US...
うるっ!!
UH...

うるうるうる
YOU ... GIRLS ...
FOR EVERY-THING, MINA-MOTO.
WE TRULY, TRULY ...
THANK YOU...
PAPA!!
GO FOR IT, DAD!!
NOW, MOM!!

THIS IS NOTHING!! WITH MY HIGH QUALITY LENS...
I GOT FIRST PRIZE IN THE POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS PHOTO CONTEST!!
LEAVE IT TO ME, SHIHO!
I'M REALLY BETTER AT BEING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAMERA...
WHA ...!!

AKASHI-SAN!!
BUT OUR DAUGHTERS ...
AND WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!!
QUIT MOCKING THE ADULTS!!
OKAY!
WAIT FOR US, MINA-MOTO-HAN!
LET'S ALL GO GET OUR PICTURE TAKEN TOGETHER.

WHEN DID THEY GET THIS GROWN UP?
GEEZ...
THEY STILL ACT THE SAME ...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM ANY-MORE ...
BUT I DON'T REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ...

10

OHH!
SO THESE ARE OUR NEW UNIFORMS !?
BABEL

MINI-SKIRTS ARE THE BEST!!
I WON'T ALLOW ANYTHING OTHER THAN MINI-SKIRTS WHILE I'M ALIVE!
...AND YET THEY STILL HAVE MINI-SKIRTS?
THEY LOOK MORE HIGH-TECH AND MORE EFFEC-TIVE.
UP UNTIL NOW, WE'VE BEEN CHOOSING MISSIONS THAT WOULD HELP YOU TRAIN.
BUT NOW WE'LL PUT YOU ON ANY MISSION IF WE NEED YOU.
WE'LL BE TREATING YOU LIKE ADULT ESPERS.

BUT BECAUSE YOU HAVE SCHOOL, WE'LL ONLY PUT YOU ON MISSIONS WHERE WE TRULY NEED LEVEL 7'S.
WELL... MISSIONS BASED ON PREDICTIONS WILL BE DIFFERENT.
BECAUSE YOUR POWERS COMPLETELY IGNORE NORMAL PHYSICS...
YOU THREE ARE INDIS-PENSABLE WHEN IT COMES TO CHANGING THE FUTURE.
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE CALCULATING THE "EFFECTIVE CHANGE LEVEL" OF PREDICTIONS AS WELL AS THEIR "PROBABILITY".

WHEN AN EVENT CAUSING DEATHS IS PREDICTED WITH AN "EFFECTIVE CHANGE LEVEL" OF 7...
THEN WE HAVE TO COME EVEN IF WE'RE IN CLASS, RIGHT!?
JUST LEAVE IT TO US!
.....

AREN'T YOU GOING TO...
TELL AOI-CHAN ABOUT SCHOOL?

EH ...?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE TRUTH IS...
YOU THREE ARE GOING BACK HOME TO LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILIES.
.....!!

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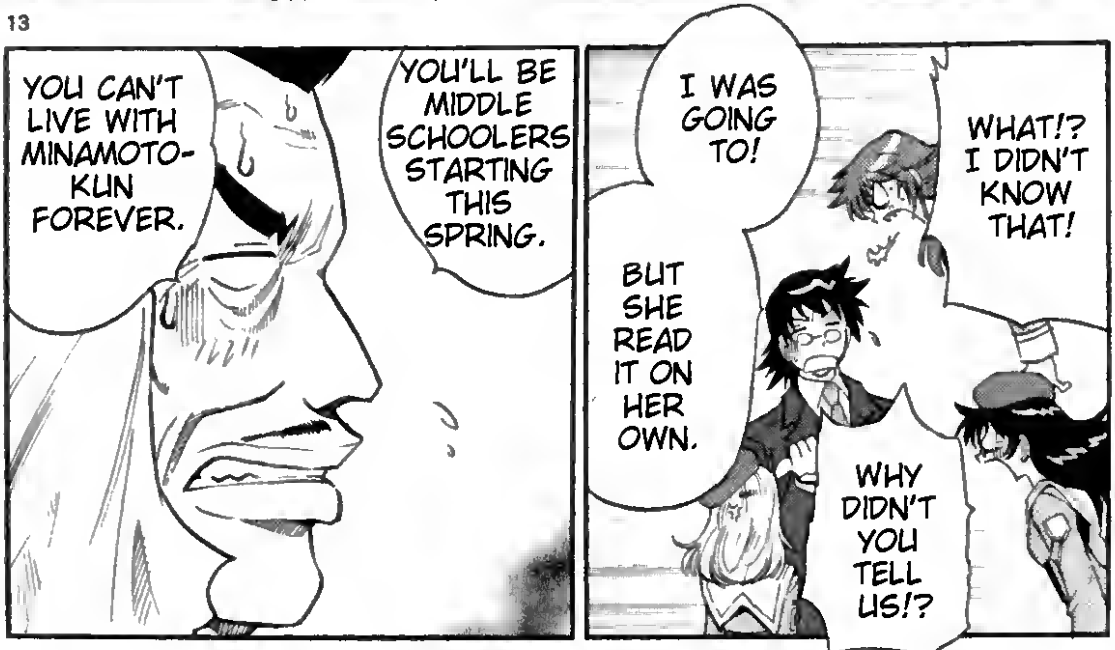
WHAT!? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!
I WAS GOING TO!
BUT SHE READ IT ON HER OWN.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US!?
YOU'LL BE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS STARTING THIS SPRING.
YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH MINAMOTO-KUN FOREVER.

W-WAIT A SECOND!!
I'M FROM KYOTO!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET TO SCHOOL!?
WE TALKED WITH YOUR FAMILIES, AND KAORU-CHAN WILL STAY IN KURETAKE DORM...
AND SHIHO-CHAN AND AOI-CHAN WILL GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES.
WHAAAAT!!
SINCE KAORU-CHAN AND I WILL BE IN TOKYO, WE'LL GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL.
BUT THEY PLAN ON MAKING YOU GO TO A DIFFERENT ONE.
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WHAT A SELFISH MAN!
I DON'T WANT US TO SPLIT UP!!
DON'T SCREW WITH US!!
WE REFUSE TO LEAVE!!
DON'T TREAT THIS LIKE A DIVORCE!!

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT...!!
WE'RE LETTING YOU GO TO A LOCAL SCHOOL BECAUSE WE TRUST YOU!!
AND DON'T YOU THINK YOUR FAMILIES MISS YOU!?
HE MAY BE YOUR SUPERVISOR, BUT MINAMOTO-SAN IS A MAN...
!
I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL ...
BUT YOU'RE GETTING TO BE THAT AGE.
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WHAT DID YOU JUST REAL-IZE?
THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE, MINA-MOTO!
SO THAT'S IT?
AH ...!!
.....!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THIS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEES IT AS A PROBLEM!!
YOU. DON'T. HAVE. TO. RESIST. OKAY?
SO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE TO YOUR DESIRES?
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO DO THAT KIND OF THING!!
I'M... STILL A BIT SCARED ... ♡

SOCIETY VIEWS IT AS A PROBLEM !!
WELL, IN THAT CASE, THERE'S NO PROBLEM, RIGHT!?
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN WOMEN?
THEN, WHAT?
I'VE GROWN QUITE A BIT, HAVEN'T I!?
OF COURSE YOU DO! QUIT BEING RUDE!!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO LIVE IN DIFFERENT PLACES...
I DON'T WANT THIS!!
MUCH LESS WHY MY SCHOOL HAS TO BE DIFFERENT!!

YOU CAN'T KEEP BEING SO CHILDISH !!

YOU ARE OUR COUNTRY'S STRONGEST ESPERS.
PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR POSITION!
YOU HOLD THE FATE OF THE COUNTRY IN YOUR HANDS!!
YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE EVERY-THING YOUR WAY.

MINA-MOTO-HAN, CHIEF...
YOU TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD OR AN ADULT DEPENDING ON WHAT'S MORE CONVENIENT ...!!
I HATE YOU !!!
I'M RUNNING AWAY!!
WAIT, AO ...!
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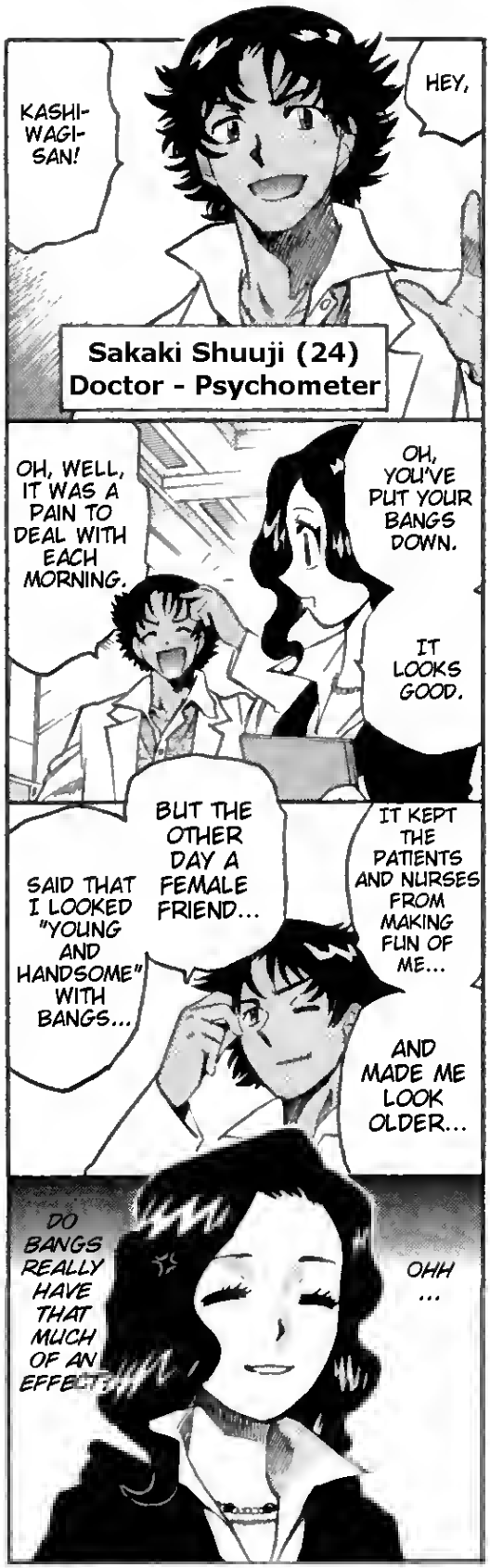
W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO!? WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?
MINA-MOTO-OOO !!!
ANOTHER PROBLEM I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ...?
DID I JUST MAKE ...
BRING HER BACK!! THAT'S AN ORDER!!
OOH, YOU MADE A TEENAGE GIRL MAD.


KASHI-WAGI-SAN!
HEY,
Sakaki Shuuji (24)
Doctor - Psychometer
OH, WELL, IT WAS A PAIN TO DEAL WITH EACH MORNING.
OH, YOU'VE PUT YOUR BANGS DOWN.
IT LOOKS GOOD.
SAID THAT I LOOKED "YOUNG AND HANDSOME" WITH BANGS...
BUT THE OTHER DAY A FEMALE FRIEND...
IT KEPT THE PATIENTS AND NURSES FROM MAKING FUN OF ME...
AND MADE ME LOOK OLDER...
DO BANGS REALLY HAVE THAT MUCH OF AN EFFECT...
OHH ...

I've begun taking middle school entrance exams
This is Chisato
It looks like Touno-kun will be with me again
TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!!
WE'LL NEVER GET INTO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS WAY!
Because I've tried so hard
GYA-AAH
GOOD LUCK ON THE EXAM TOMORROW.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MIDDLE SCHOOL WE'LL BE GOING TO.
DUE TO OUR CIRCUM-STANCES AT HOME...
It's unfor-tunate about them
But it
IF YOU NEED ME TO, I CAN BRAINWASH THEM INTO LETTING THEM IN!
YOU WERE ONLY ABLE TO PRESSURE THEM INTO ADDING THREE EXTRA PEOPLE TO THE ENTRANCE EXAMS?
looks like it'll work out
JUST MAKE THEM TAKE THE EXAM PROPERLY!
THEY LOOK FAMILIAR ...

Resistance Plan #1 (Z)

2nd sense.

反抗作戦第一号(2)

I'M NOT GOING BACK TO MY HOME!!
I'M RUNNING AWAY!!

MINA-MOT-OOOOO!!!
DESTROY ALL OF B.A.B.E.L.'S REINFORCED GLASS AT NIGHT.
SHE'S SURE TO STEAL A TANK AND...
OOH.
YOU MADE A TEENAGE GIRL MAD.
DO SOMETHING!!

NO, WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT IS...
WHAT DO WE DO IF SHE DEFECTS TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY'S ESP ORGANIZATION!!
OF COURSE WE CAN'T!!
CAN'T WE JUST LEAVE HER ALONE FOR ONCE!?

OKAY.
!!!
WANNA STAY AT MY PLACE?
WANT TO GET SOME DINNER?
A "KIND OLDER MAN".
OR MAYBE AN "ONII-SAN"?

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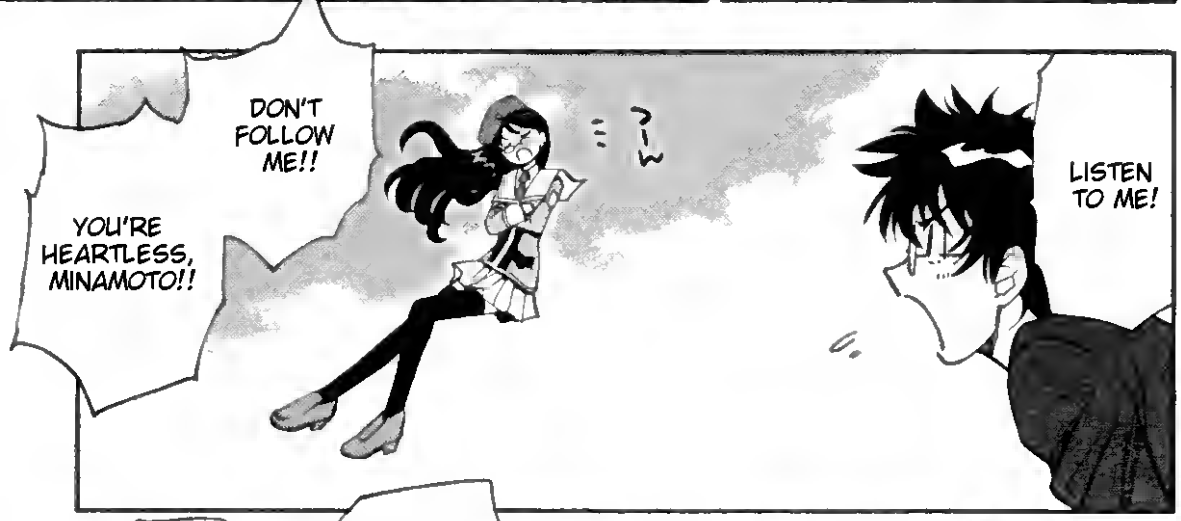
KAORU AND SHIHO SHOULD BE HELPING ME OUT, BUT...
IT SHOULDN'T BE LONG NOW...

I'VE LEVELED UP AS A WOMAN.
I'VE MASTERED "PRETENDING TO CRY AND GET MAD"!!
AOI...!!
AH, HERE HE COMES!
I'M NOT SOME KID WHO GETS MAD AND CRIES THAT EASILY!


DON'T FOLLOW ME!!
YOU'RE HEARTLESS, MINAMOTO!!
LISTEN TO ME!

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT!
IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO ME EITHER!
THEN RESPECT MY INDEPEND-ENCE!!
YOU'RE ...
ON HER SIDE?
YOU'RE NOT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANYMORE...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!

I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU'RE MAD.
BUT THE CHIEF AND I BOTH REFUSED WHEN ORDERED TO GIVE YOU A FEMALE SUPERVISOR.
BECAUSE I WANTED TO KEEP WORKING WITH YOU.
!

PLEASE.
BE REASON-ABLE!
WE'RE THE BEST TEAM, AREN'T WE!?
IF OTHERS GET SUSPICIOUS OF WRONGDOING, WE COULD LOSE THAT.
UH...!

HM?
HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG, AOI?

NO, AOI-CHAN!!
BUT...
JUST ONE MORE PUSH AND HE'LL BREAK!!
BEAR WITH IT!!
YOU WERE TRYING TO GET A COMPROMISE, RIGHT!?
SO YOU ARE ON HER SIDE.

AOI...!?
WAIT, COME BACK!!
HAAAH ...!?
EH.
TH-THAT'S NOT IT!!
MY TELEPORTATION ACTIVATED ON ITS OWN...!!

R-ROGER!
KAORU, A LITTLE HELP!
THE TELEPORTATION OSCILLATION HAS STOPPED!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY POWERS...!
"PULL HER TOWARDS ME AND CHECK HOW BIG HER BREASTS ARE BY COMPLETE ACCIDENT"!!
PSYCHIIIC ...!
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS THAT!?
7
YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD A SUDDEN UNEXPECTED RISE IN POWER...
YOUR POWERS ARE ALWAYS GROWING.
AND YOUR BRAIN CAN'T HANDLE IT!
AND YOU'RE IN A PERIOD OF RAPID GROWTH RIGHT NOW.
AM I GOING OUT OF CONTROL?
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOUR LIMITER WITH ME...!!
YOU HAVE A SLIGHT FEVER.

WAAAH!?
KAORU,
GO BACK WITH SHIHO AND THEN BRING ME AOI'S LIMITER!
SHIHO!!
KYA...
AAAAAAAH!?
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE!
MINAMOTO-HAN...!
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...

...GAH!!
ARE YOU TWO ALRIGHT!?
I'M FINE, SO HURRY!!
IF WE TELEPORT TO ANY MORE STRANGE PLACES...
MINAMOTO!?

IT COULD BE DANGERO-
AH, WHAT!?
GY-AAAA-AH!!
10
GET US OUT OF HERE, AOI!!
HURRY UP AND GET THE LIMITER...!!
O-OKAY!!

!!0
AA
AA
AA
AA
AH!!
!!0
!!0
!!0
!!"
BABEL

LISTEN!
DON'T LET GO, OKAY!?
!!
CRAP...!! AT THIS RATE, WE'LL BE...
I HAVE TO AT LEAST SAVE MINAMOTO-HAN...!!
BUT...!

THAT SHOULD MAKE THE DISTANCE AND NUMBER OF TELEPORTATIONS SMALLER!!
TELEPORTING BOTH OF OUR MASSES HAS A GREATER ENERGY EXPENDITURE!

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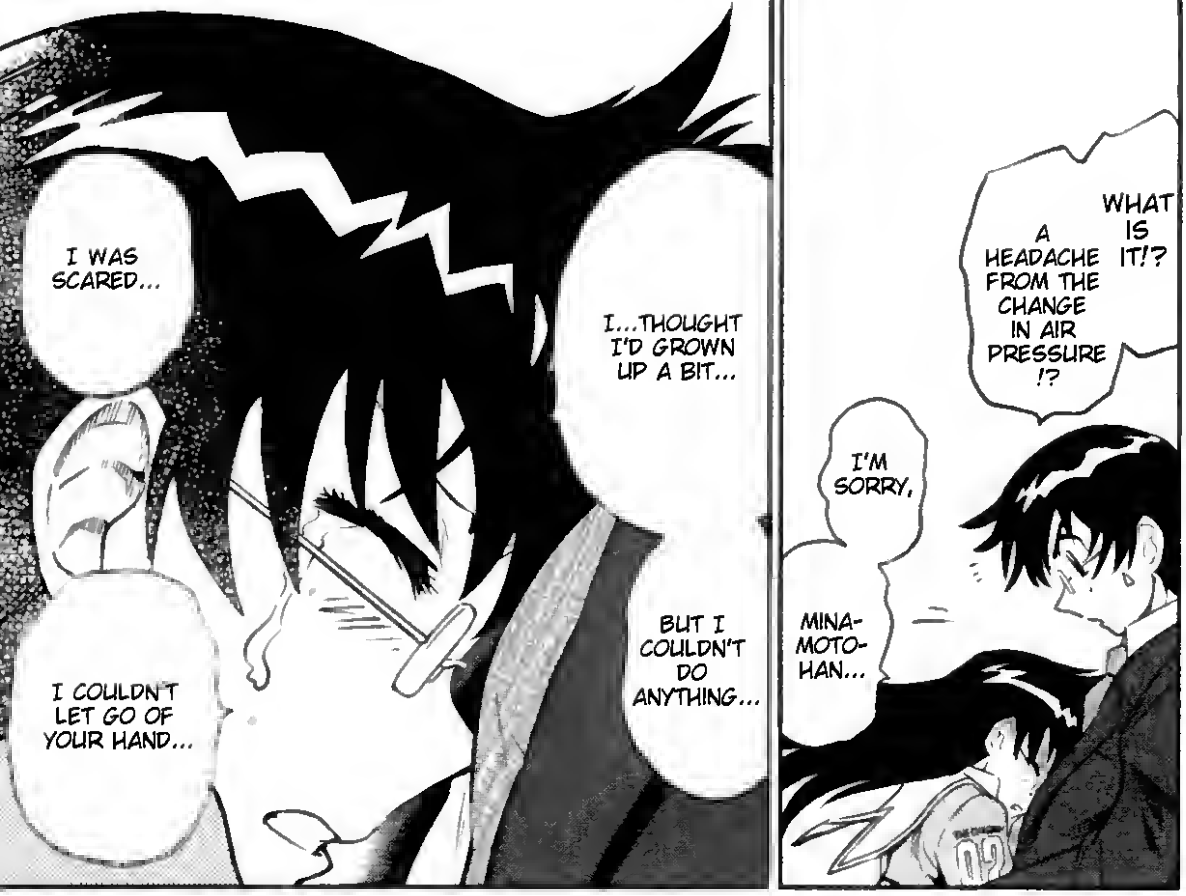
. . . . !!
SO CALM DOWN!!
KAORU WILL BE BACK SOON...
WE NEED TO GAIN SOME ALTITUDE IN ORDER TO GET AWAY FROM ANY OBSTACLES!

OKAY...!!
THE FIT CALMED DOWN WHEN WE REACHED 2 OR 3 THOUSAND METERS UP...!
DID THE THINNER ATMOSPHERE CAUSE A DECLINE IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ESP CENTER OF YOUR BRAIN ...!?
!?
IF YOU KEEP SWITCHING BETWEEN FREE FALL AND TELEPORTING UP..

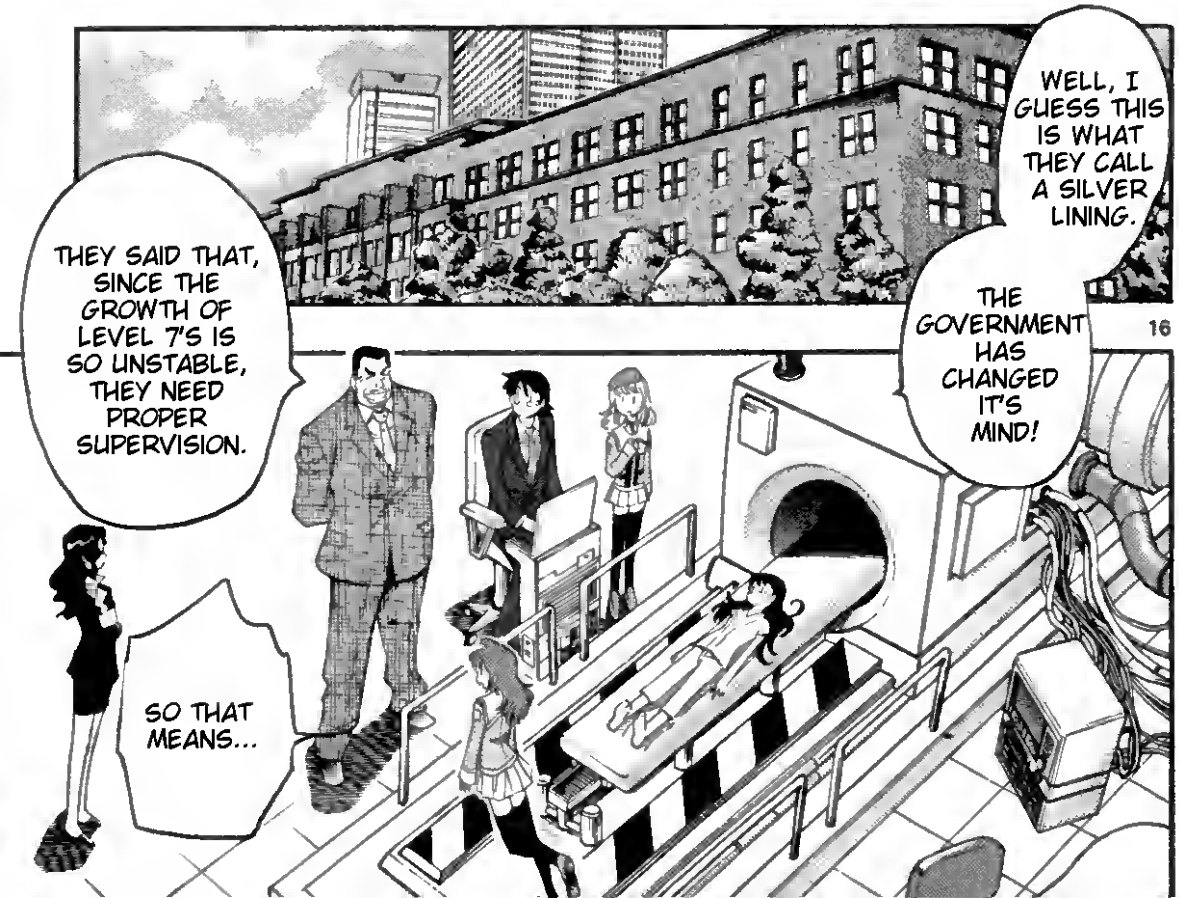

I WAS SCARED...
I...THOUGHT I'D GROWN UP A BIT...
I COULDN'T LET GO OF YOUR HAND...
BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...
WHAT IS IT!?
A HEADACHE FROM THE CHANGE IN AIR PRESSURE !?
I'M SORRY,
MINA-MOTO-HAN...

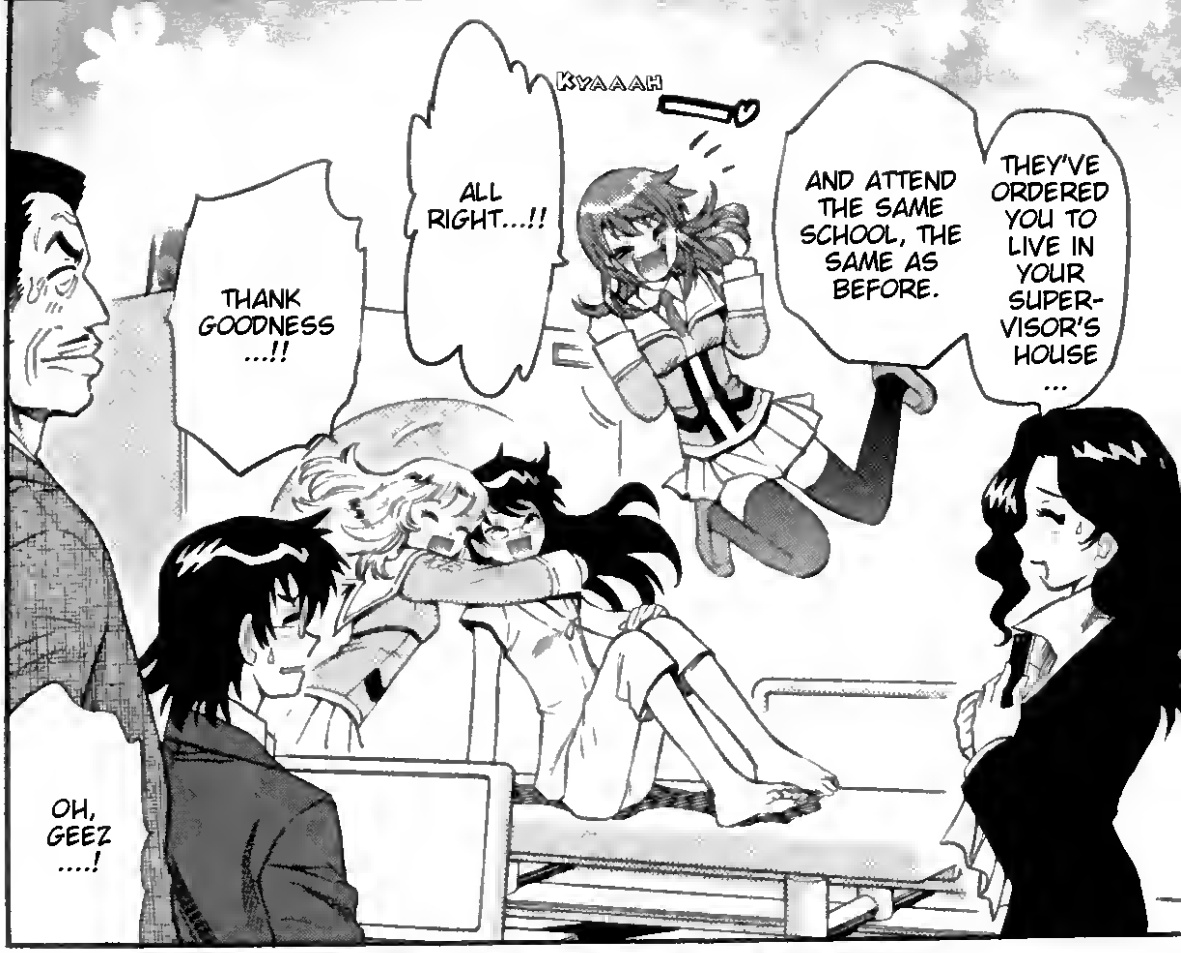
.....
THAT WAS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

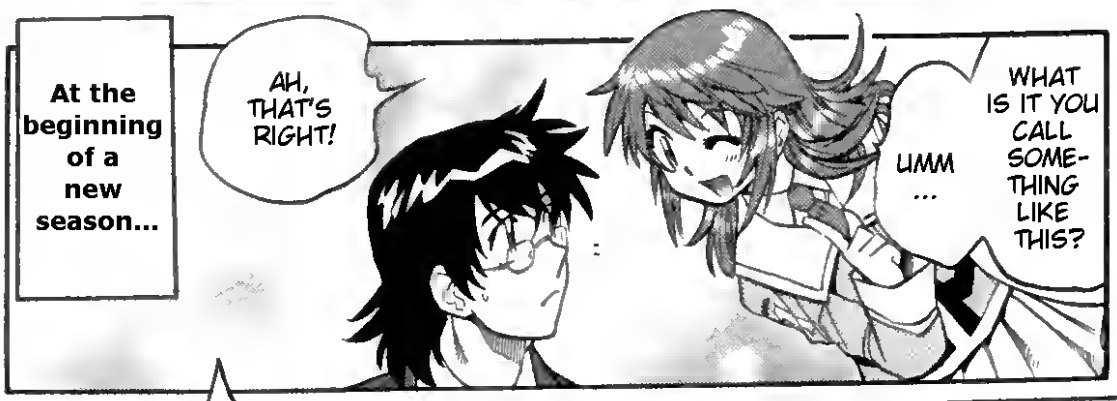
I DON'T WANT US TO SPLIT UP EITHER.
THE TRUTH IS...
I'M GLAD YOU RELY ON ME.
.....

!!
KAORU! SHIHO!
WE HAVE THE LIMITER!!
YOU TWO!!
.....!?
THANK GOODNESS ...!!
LET'S GET BACK IMMEDIATELY !!

WHY DID THAT...
HUH...?
SHOCK ME SO MUCH...?
AND WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
NO FAIR, AOI-CHAN!


WELL, I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL A SILVER LINING.
THE GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED IT'S MIND!
THEY SAID THAT, SINCE THE GROWTH OF LEVEL 7'S IS SO UNSTABLE, THEY NEED PROPER SUPERVISION.
SO THAT MEANS...


KYAAAH
ALL RIGHT...!!
THANK GOODNESS ...!!
AND ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOL, THE SAME AS BEFORE.
THEY'VE ORDERED YOU TO LIVE IN YOUR SUPER-VISOR'S HOUSE ...
OH, GEEZ ....!


At the beginning of a new season...
AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
UMM ...
WHAT IS IT YOU CALL SOME-THING LIKE THIS?

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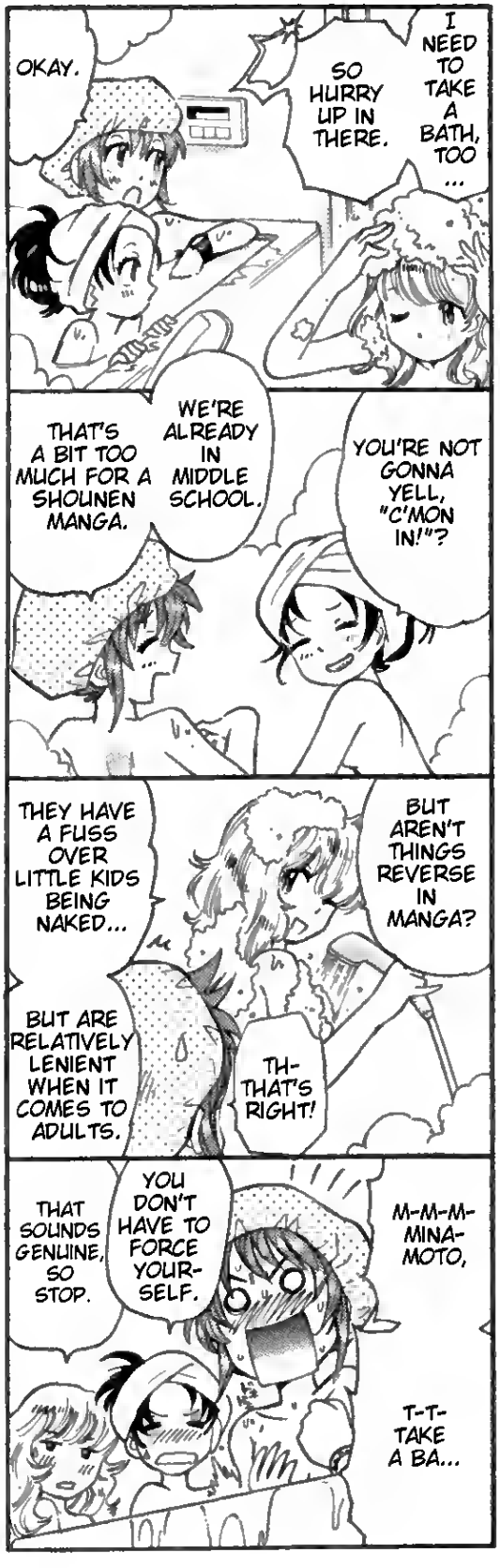
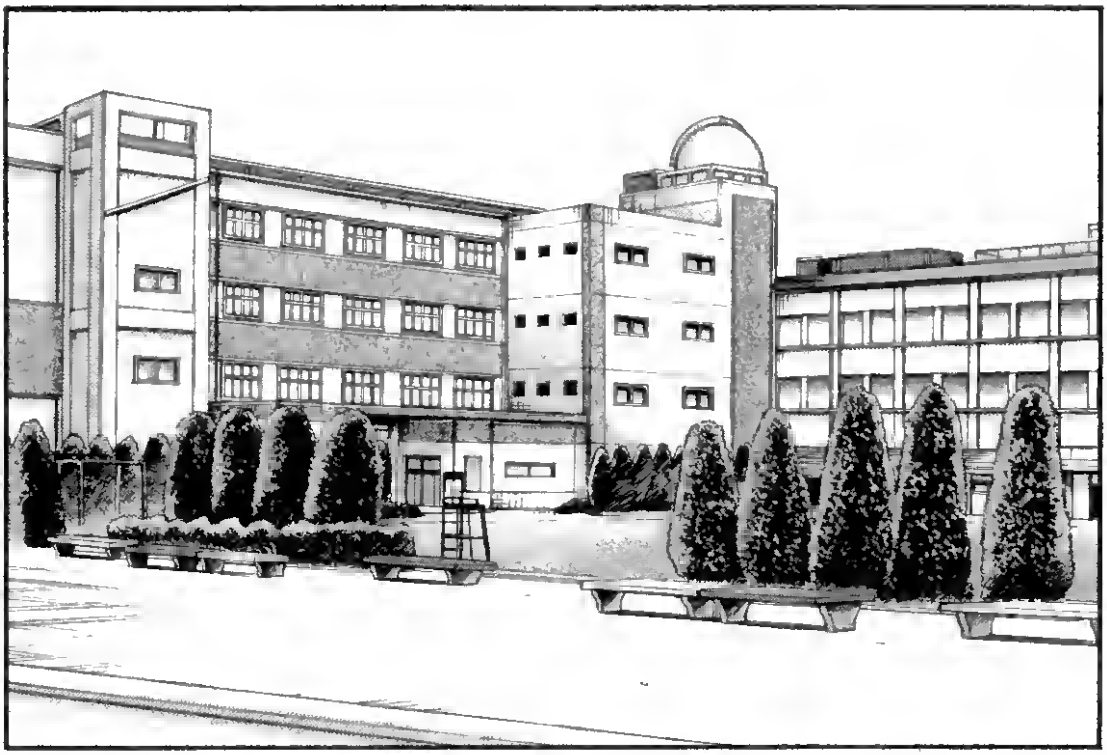
NO, IT ISN'T!!
FAIT ACCOMPLI!!
Some things change and some things stay the same...

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO SAY IT EASILY!
IN THAT CASE...
BEING EMBARRASSED MAKES IT UNNECESSARILY EROTIC.
AND BE SO CUTE THAT I'LL CAPTURE THE HEARTS OF THE MALE READERS!!
IF KNOWING IT'S EROTIC IS EROTIC, THEN I'LL SAY IT STRAIGHT-FORWARD-LY!!
TAKE A BATH WITH US. ♡
MINA-MOTO-KUN,
ﾊﾟﾎｰﾝ!!


OKAY.
SO HURRY UP IN THERE.
I NEED TO TAKE A BATH, TOO ...
THAT'S A BIT TOO MUCH FOR A SHOUNEN MANGA.
WE'RE ALREADY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA YELL, "C'MON IN!"?
THEY HAVE A FUSS OVER LITTLE KIDS BEING NAKED...
BUT ARE RELATIVELY LENIENT WHEN IT COMES TO ADULTS.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT AREN'T THINGS REVERSE IN MANGA?
THAT SOUNDS GENUINE, SO STOP.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOUR-SELF.
M-M-M-MINA-MOTO,
T-T-TAKE A BA...

3rd sense. School Days (1)

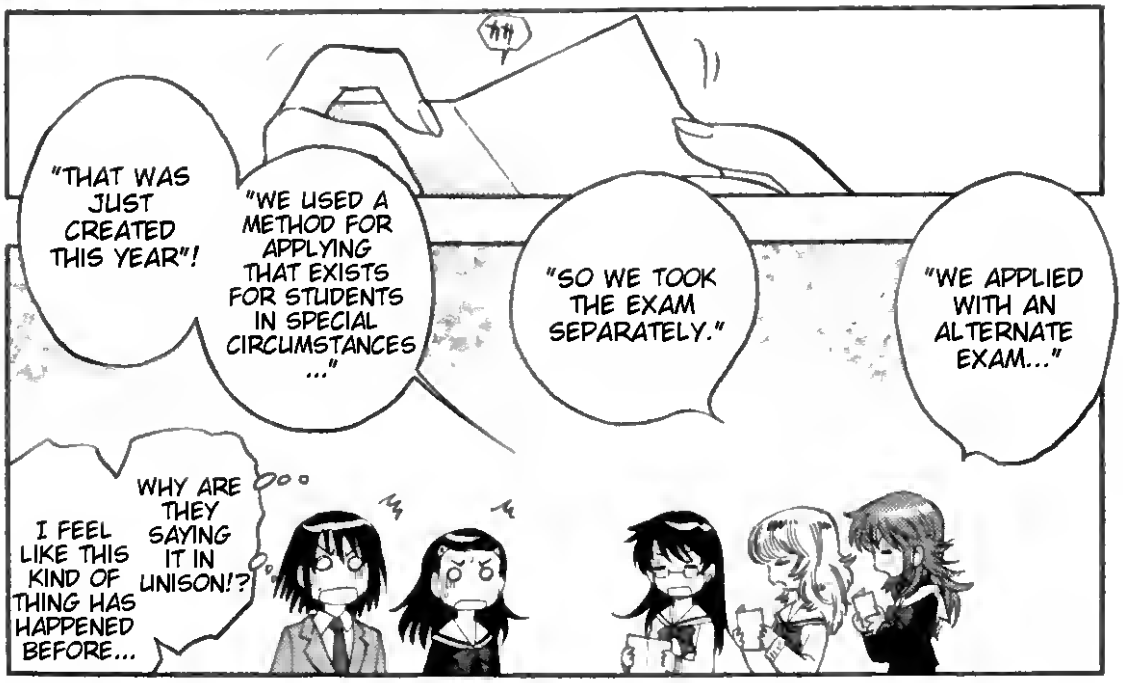
3rd sense.（センス） スクール・デイズ（1）



私立六條学院中等部
WAAH ...!!
I KNEW IT!!

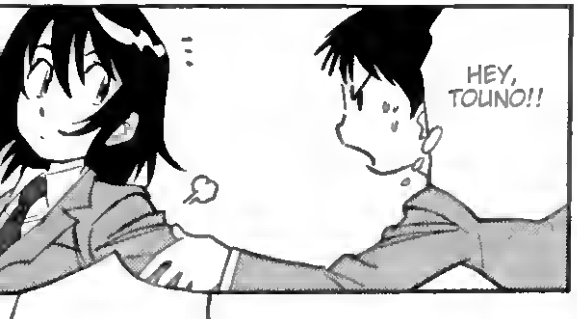
I HAD A FEELING IT WOULD WORK OUT LIKE THIS...!!
EH HEH HEH.
I'M GLAD WE'RE AT THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOU TWO.
WE HAD TO THROW A TANTRUM FOR THE CHIE...I MEAN, OUR FAMILY!
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER FUN YEAR. ♡
YOU'RE LIKE THE MAIN CHARACTER OF AN H-GAME!
BUT YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO GO DOWN THE CHISATO-CHAN ROUTE!
WHAT KIND OF METAPHOR IS THAT!?
YOU GET TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS...
AREN'T YOU LUCKY, TOUNO!!

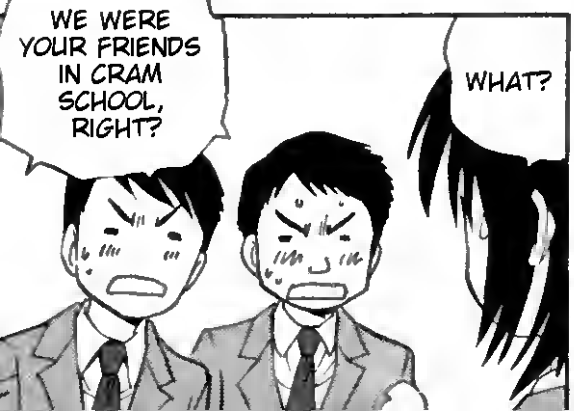
BUT I DIDN'T SEE YOU THREE AT THE ENTRANCE EXAM.
AND IT'S NEARBY, SO A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM OUR CLASS ENDED UP COMING HERE.
WELL, THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS ARE TOGETHER HERE...

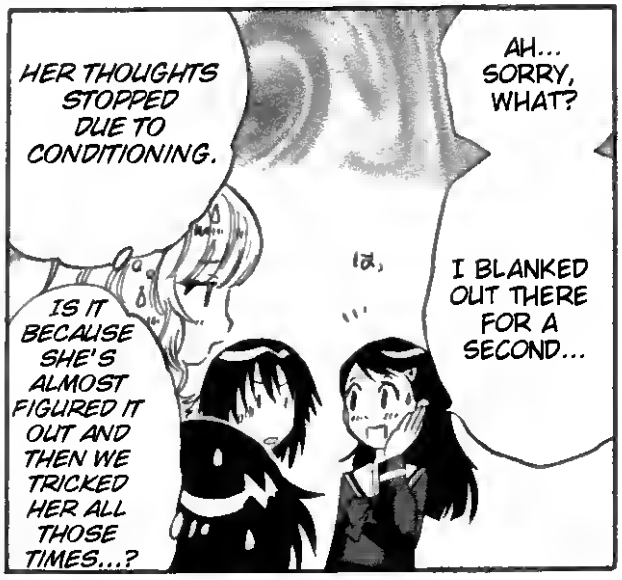

"THAT WAS JUST CREATED THIS YEAR"!
"WE USED A METHOD FOR APPLYING THAT EXISTS FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ..."
"SO WE TOOK THE EXAM SEPARATELY."
"WE APPLIED WITH AN ALTERNATE EXAM..."
I FEEL LIKE THIS KIND OF THING HAS HAPPENED BEFORE...
WHY ARE THEY SAYING IT IN UNISON!?

CHISATO?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHISATO?


HEY, TOUNO!!


WE WERE YOUR FRIENDS IN CRAM SCHOOL, RIGHT?
WHAT?


HER THOUGHTS STOPPED DUE TO CONDITIONING.
IS IT BECAUSE SHE'S ALMOST FIGURED IT OUT AND THEN WE TRICKED HER ALL THOSE TIMES...?
AH... SORRY, WHAT?
I BLANKED OUT THERE FOR A SECOND...

THOSE ARE THE "GRADE 6 LOVELY GIRLS" WHO ARE FAMOUS DISTRICT-WIDE!!
THIS ISN'T FAIR! INTRODUCE US!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SO"!?
YEAH, SO?

THEM..?
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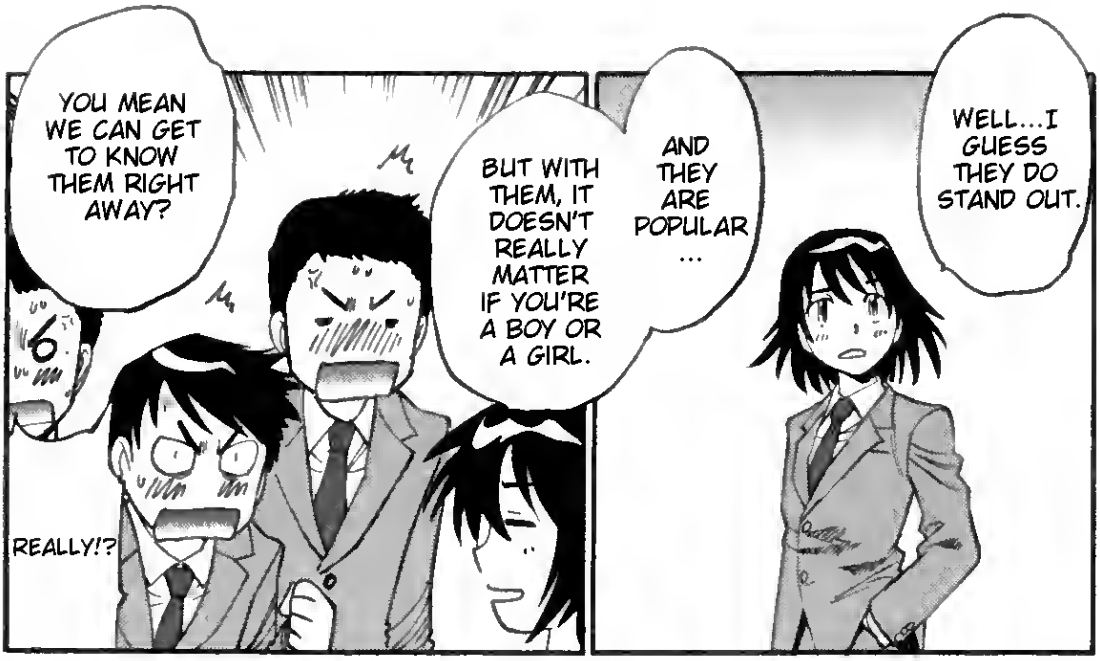
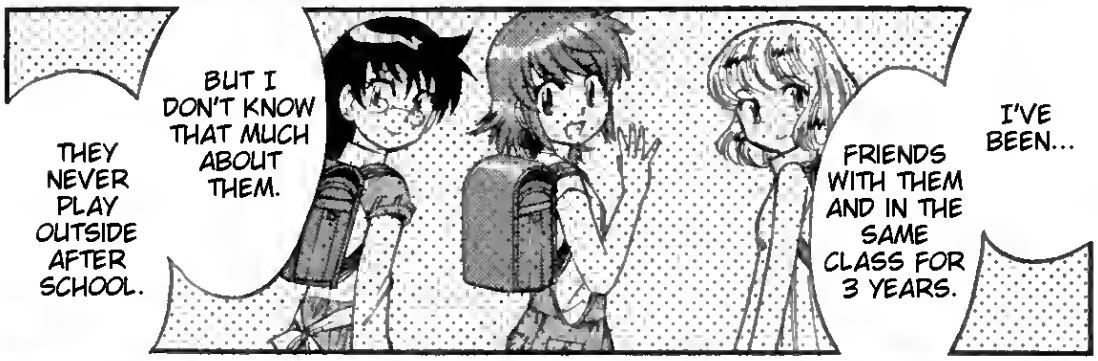
LOVELY ...?


WELL...I GUESS THEY DO STAND OUT.
AND THEY ARE POPULAR ...
BUT WITH THEM, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU'RE A BOY OR A GIRL.
YOU MEAN WE CAN GET TO KNOW THEM RIGHT AWAY?
REALLY!?


I'VE BEEN...
FRIENDS WITH THEM AND IN THE SAME CLASS FOR 3 YEARS.
BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT THEM.
THEY NEVER PLAY OUTSIDE AFTER SCHOOL.

IT'S JUST LIKE CHISATO SAID IN THE FIRST PLACE...
THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME KIND OF SECRET...

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EVERYONE ...!
THIS GIRL WAS IN MY CRAM SCHOOL.
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SHE'S SO CUTE!!
AS EXPECTED OF A FRIEND OF CHISATO-CHAN!!
OHH!?
I...
I'M KUMOI YUURI...!
I-I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM HANAI-SAN...UMM...
I-I HOPE WE CAN BE FRIENDS.

HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY!!
EH!? KYAH ...!?
WE CAN!!

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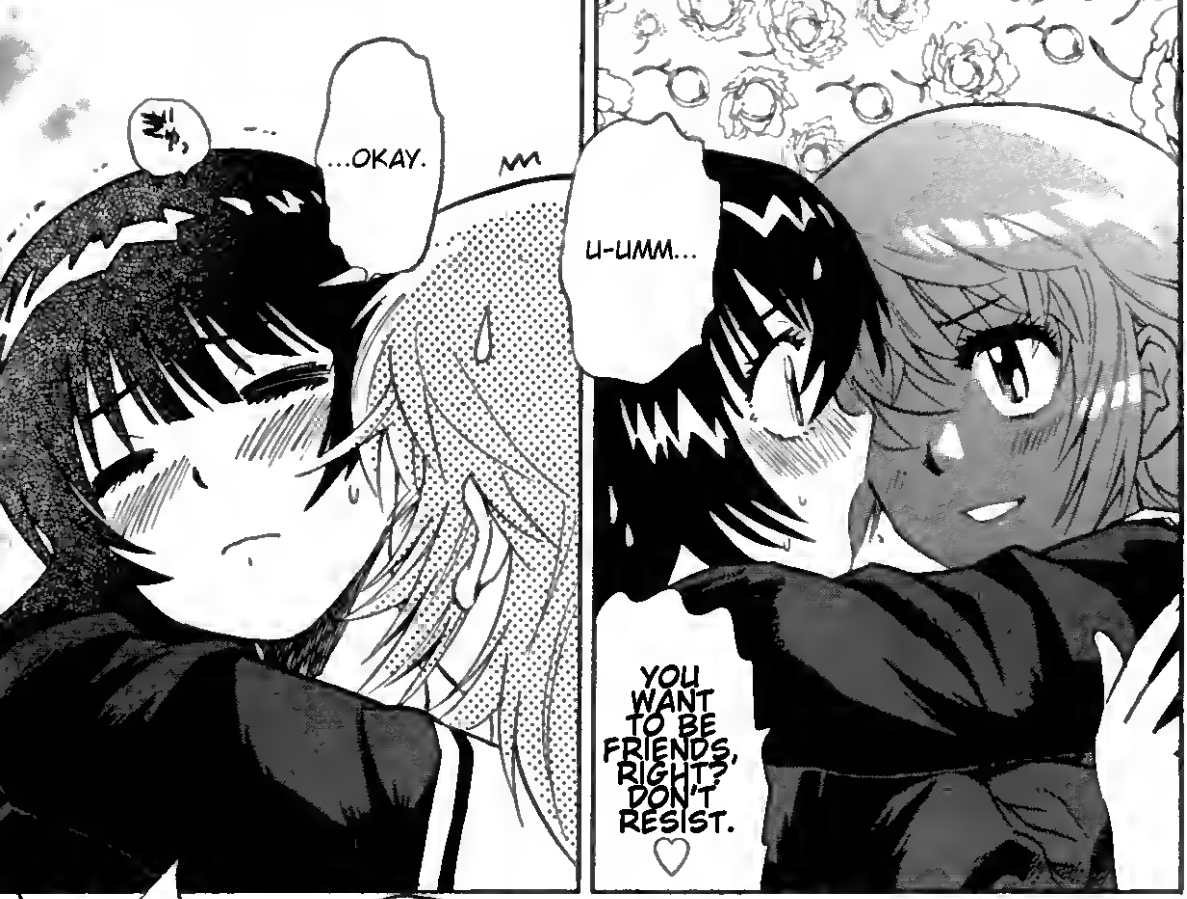
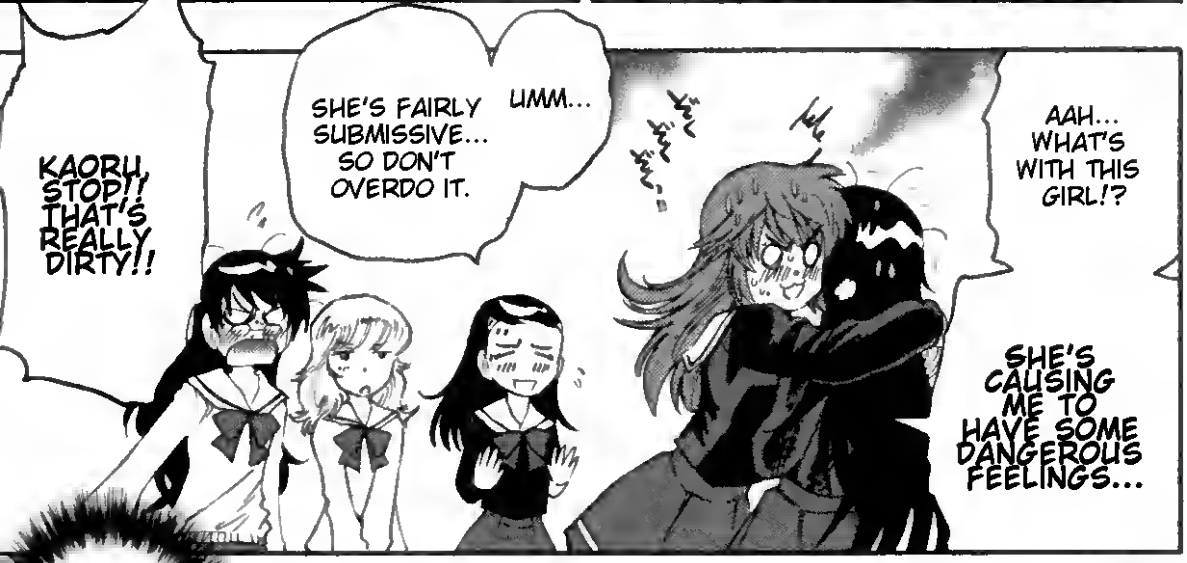

...OKAY.
U-UMM...
YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS, RIGHT? DON'T RESIST.


KAORU, STOP!! THAT'S REALLY DIRTY!!
SHE'S FAIRLY SUBMISSIVE... SO DON'T OVERDO IT.
UMM...
AAH... WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL!?
SHE'S CAUSING ME TO HAVE SOME DANGEROUS FEELINGS...

BUT WHAT'S THIS?
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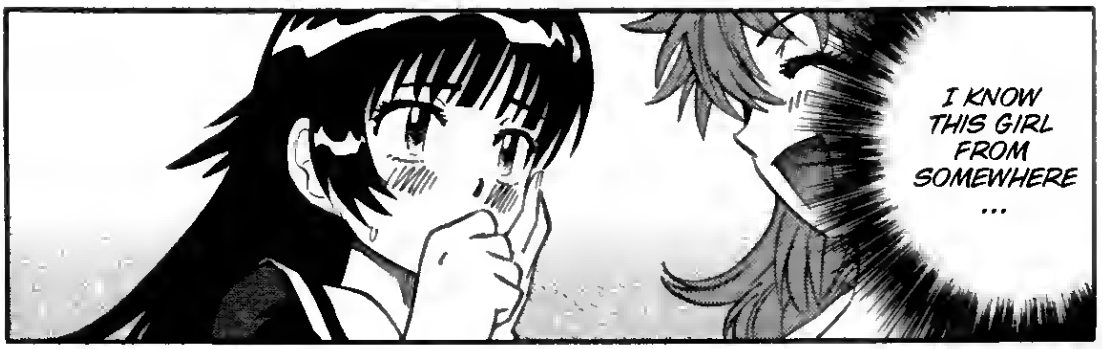
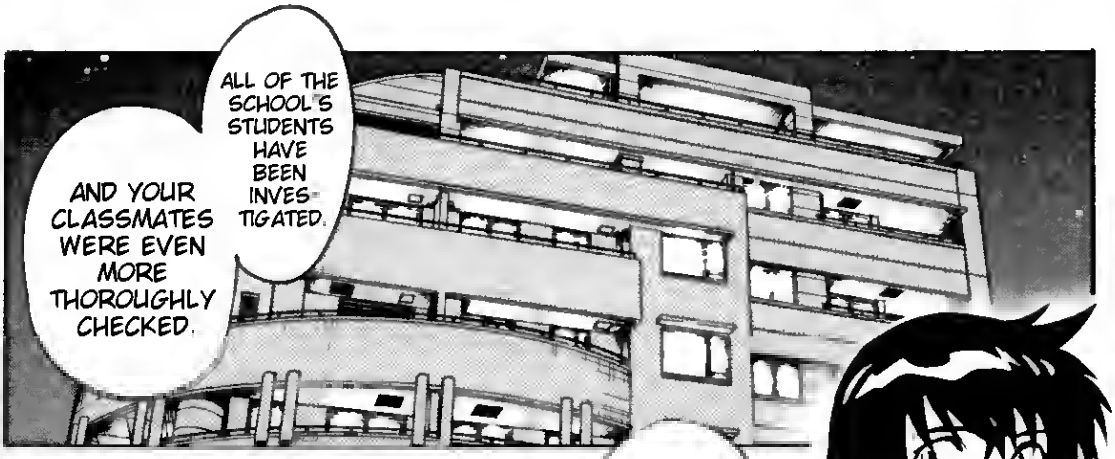
I FEEL LIKE...

WOW...I ACTUALLY DO, TOO...!!
I-I SENSE AN ENJOYABLE SCHOOL LIFE IN OUR FUTURE!!


I KNOW THIS GIRL FROM SOMEWHERE ...


ALL OF THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED.
AND YOUR CLASSMATES WERE EVEN MORE THOROUGHLY CHECKED.

I DIDN'T PERSONALLY LOOK AT ALL THEIR PRIVATE DATA...
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH HER BEFORE.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
BUT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO THIS.

ESPER'S INTUITION ...
I GUESS.
AND YET... I STILL THINK THERE'S SOMETHING THERE.
LIGHTLY.
BUT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM.
JUST AS CHISATO-CHAN SAID, SHE'S A GOOD, NORMAL GIRL.
DID YOU TRY READING HER?
IT'S MY INTUITION.
I TAKE THAT BACK.
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WE'RE NOT STARTING LESSONS UNTIL TOMORROW.
TODAY WE DID SOME TESTS IN PE.
SO... HOW WAS SCHOOL?
OKAY.
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.

OH, YEAH! AND WHEN WE DID...!
6.5 SECONDS ...!
THAT'S EASILY THE FASTEST TIME OF THE 1ST YEAR GIRLS...!!
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EH HEH HEH... ♡
AMAZING, AKASHI-SAN!!
THAT'S KAORU FOR YOU...!!
KYAAAH♡
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SHE'S GETTING POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS AGAIN.
AKASHI-SAN'S WONDERFUL. ♡
SO COOL...!
BUT...
AH!
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OKAY!
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READY, SET, GO!!
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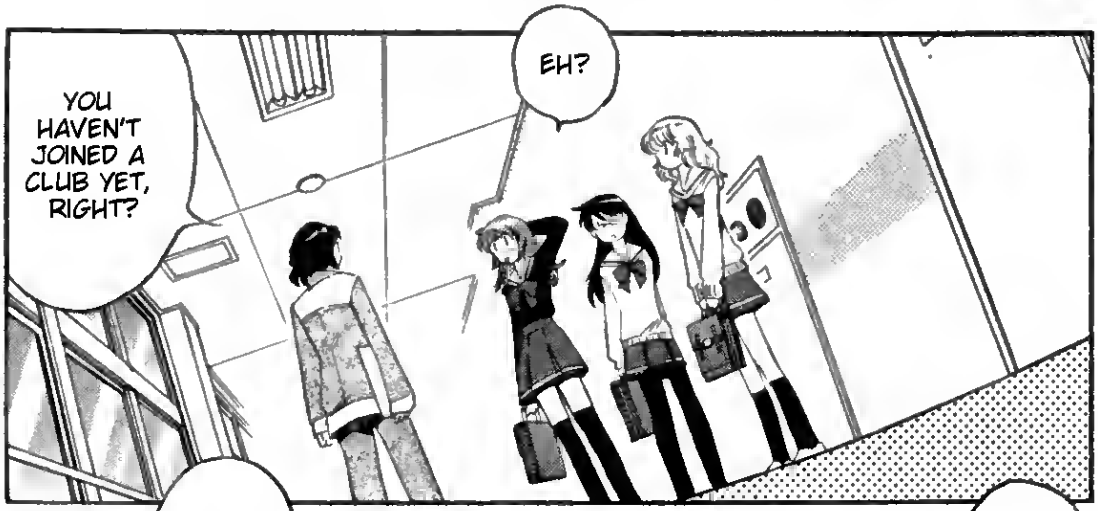
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'VE LOST!?
DAMMIT, SHE'S SO MOE!
WAHHHH!!

HEY, AKASHI-SAN.
I'M THE ADVISOR FOR THE TRACK TEAM.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO JOIN?


EH?
YOU HAVEN'T JOINED A CLUB YET, RIGHT?

YOU HAVE TALENT.
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD TO LET IT GO TO WASTE!
AND IT'S FUN, TOO.

TALENT ...?
A CLUB ...!?

I SEE...
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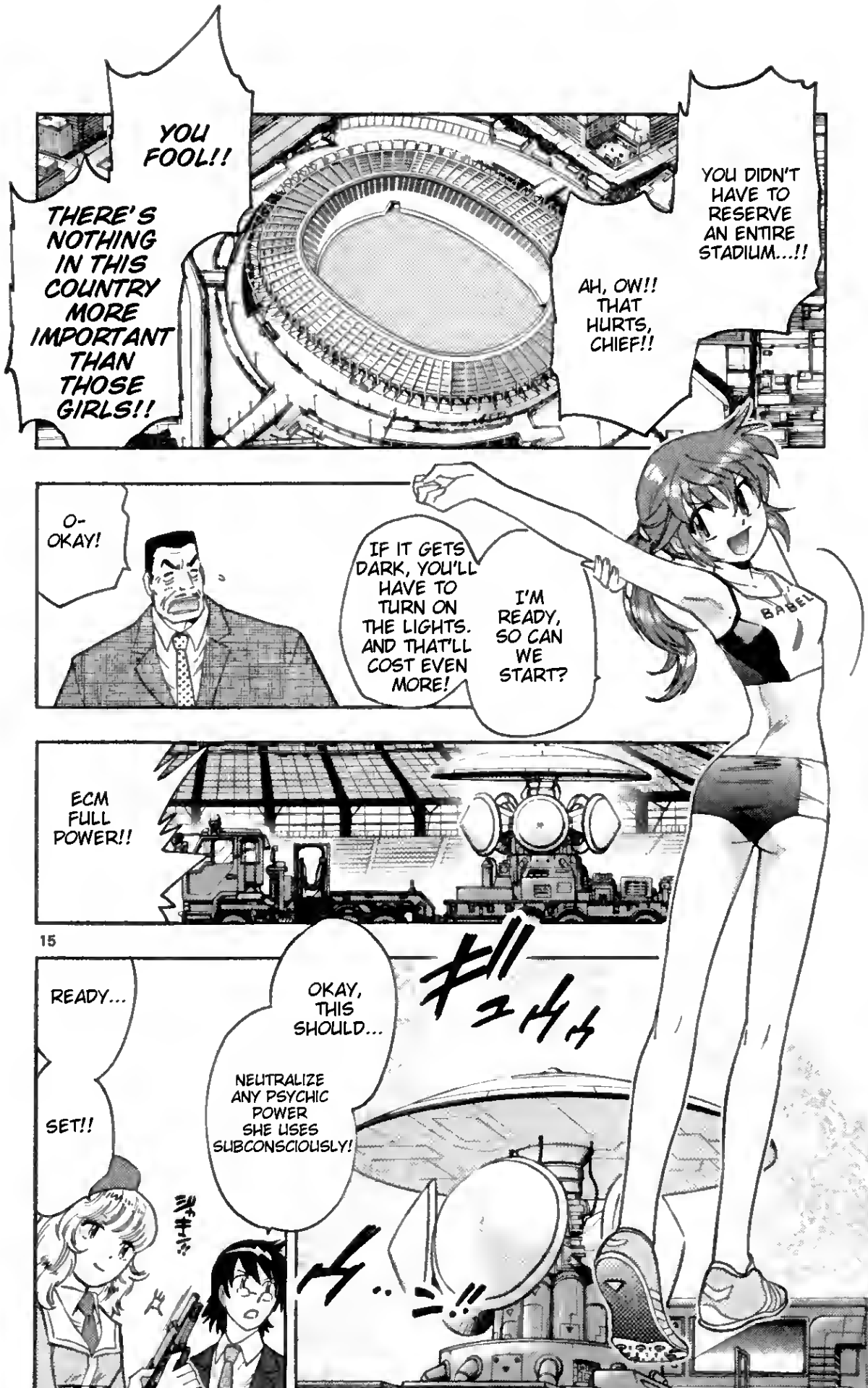
IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF "THE CHILDREN", OUR COUNTRY'S TREASURE!!
B.A.B.E.L. WILL HELP HER!!
UM... WELL...
OLD MAN...!!


YOU FOOL!!
THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS COUNTRY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE GIRLS!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO RESERVE AN ENTIRE STADIUM...!!
AH, OW!! THAT HURTS, CHIEF!!
O-OKAY!
IF IT GETS DARK, YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS. AND THAT'LL COST EVEN MORE!
I'M READY, SO CAN WE START?
BABEL
ECM FULL POWER!!
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READY...
SET!!
OKAY, THIS SHOULD...
NEUTRALIZE ANY PSYCHIC POWER SHE USES SUBCONSCIOUSLY!

BANG!!
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WHAT WAS MY TIME!?
CLICK!

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B.A.B.E.
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IT WASN'T YOUR POWERS, IT WAS ACTUALLY YOU...!

SHE NEVER LOOKS LIKE THAT WHEN WE PRAISE HER POWERS...
KAORU-CHAN LOOKS SO HAPPY.
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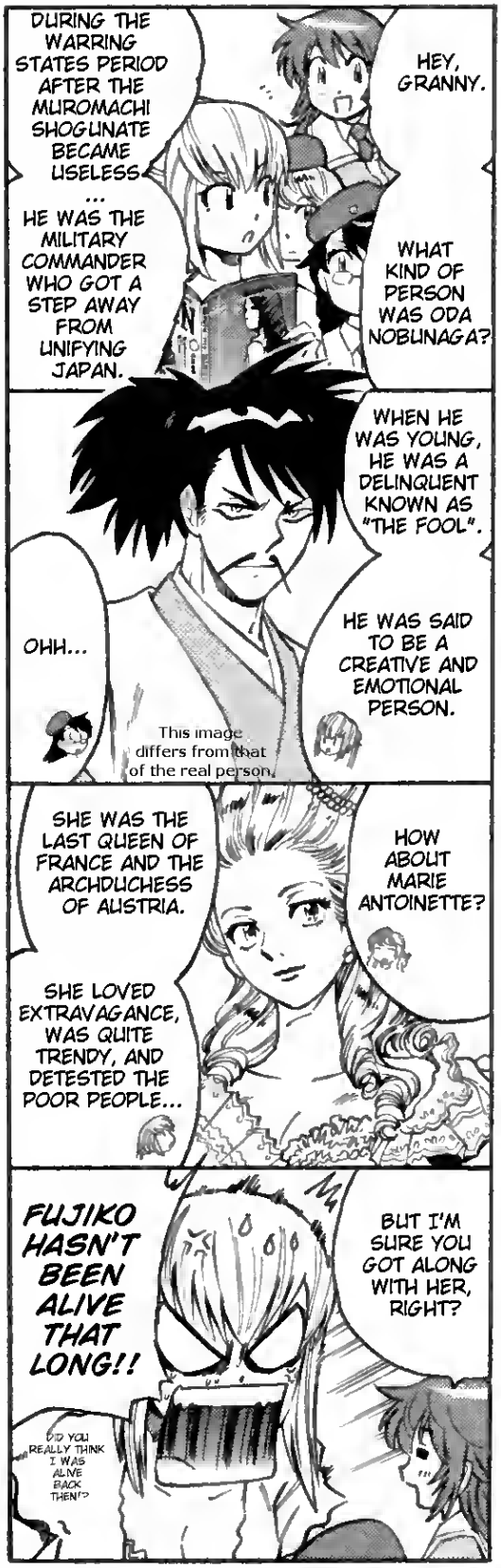
SHE CAN'T TAKE PART IN ACTUAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS ...!
AS A HIGH LEVEL ESPER...
BUT SHE TAKES HER POWERS WITH HER WHEREVER


DURING THE WARRING STATES PERIOD AFTER THE MUROMACHI SHOGUNATE BECAME USELESS ...
HE WAS THE MILITARY COMMANDER WHO GOT A STEP AWAY FROM UNIFYING JAPAN.
HEY, GRANNY.
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS ODA NOBUNAGA?
WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE WAS A DELINQUENT KNOWN AS "THE FOOL".
OHH...
HE WAS SAID TO BE A CREATIVE AND EMOTIONAL PERSON.
This image differs from that of the real person.
SHE WAS THE LAST QUEEN OF FRANCE AND THE ARCHDUCHESS OF AUSTRIA.
HOW ABOUT MARIE ANTOINETTE?
SHE LOVED EXTRAVAGANCE, WAS QUITE TRENDY, AND DETESTED THE POOR PEOPLE...
FUJIKO HASN'T BEEN ALIVE THAT LONG!!
BUT I'M SURE YOU GOT ALONG WITH HER, RIGHT?
DID YOU REALLY THINK I WAS ALIVE BACK THEN!?

I THOUGHT KYOU-SUKE ...
WOULD SNEAK IN TO SEE OUR GRADUATION, BUT...
I GUESS HE ISN'T THAT BOLD.
CONGRAT-ULATIONS, QUEEN.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE LOOK ON HER FACE WHEN I SHOW HER THE PICTURE.
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AHHN...!!
AH!!
THERE!!
HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU SPRINT BECAUSE YOU WERE SO EXCITED...?
GEEZ...
AAHHHHNN!!
OFTENTIMES ESPERS DON'T GET ENOUGH EXERCISE...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE KAORU'S DIFFERENT.
BUT THE TIMES SHE WAS GETTING...
HER REFLEXES ARE AMAZING.

サイキックううう!!
超カカト落としッ!!
SINCE SHE'S ALWAYS PUTTING A BURDEN ON HER BODY...
IT'S JUST LIKE STIMULATING THE MUSCLES AND DOING STRETCHES.
SHE NATURALLY LIKES TO MOVE AROUND...
AND WHEN SHE DOES A MAJOR ATTACK IT TENDS TO USE HER BODY AS WELL AS HER POWERS.

I'M TIRED...
SO I'M DONE!
J-JUST A LITTLE MORE...!
AOI!?
I DON'T WANNA DO IT EITHER ...!
AND ISN'T THIS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD GET YOUR COACH TO DO?

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MY COACH?
I THINK WE ALL KNOW...
WHO OUR COACH IS!
.....!

D-DON'T MOAN LIKE THAT!!
H-HEY...!
HAAHHN!

IT FEELS GOOD...!!
BUT...!!
AREN'T YOU EMBAR-RASSED!?

AHH...
HYAAHN!
HOW ABOUT HERE!? DOES THIS FEEL GOOD!?

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU!
AND I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
DON'T SAY SUCH PERVERTED THIIIIINGS!!
KAORU-CHAN ...
LATELY SHE'S CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN BEING AN OLD MAN OR A MAIDEN.

HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN BUSY ALL OF A SUDDEN.
HE SAID HE HAD WORK TO DO AND WENT TO HIS ROOM...
SO WHERE IS MINAMOTO-SAN?

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SO...
I CAN'T JUST TELL THEM TO QUIT.
LETTING THEM BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS IS GOOD...
AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT B.A.B.E.L. IS SUPPOSED TO DO.
B.A.B.E.L.
Regulations Regarding Drugs and Psychic Powers in Amateur Sports
BUT...
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GO FOR IT, KAORU-CHAN!!

THAT'S MINA**-CHAN!!
TAKE ME TO A KOSHIEN-LIKE PLACE!!
KAORU!!
BUT THE LAST BATTER IS...
JUST ONE MORE OUT!
IT'S LIKE THIS WAS PLANNED IN ADVANCE! IT'S THE OTHER TEAM'S SLUGGER!!
Kuromate
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GIVE HIM YOUR BEST PITCH!!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT IF HE HITS IT!
AKASHI!!

OHHHH!!
AND THERE'S THE FAMOUS LINE!!
IF IT'S YOUR PITCH, NO ONE WILL HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS!!
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STRIKE THREE!!
ALL RIGHT!!
WAIT JUST A SECOND!!
WE WON!!

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EHHHHH!?
I'M IN DESPAIR!!
AKASHI WAS JUST CONFIRMED TO BE A LEVEL 7 ESPER!
SHE'S DISQUALIFIED!! AND PERMANENTLY BANNED!!
K-KAORU!?
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THAT I'M AN ESPER HAS LEFT ME IN DESPAIR!!
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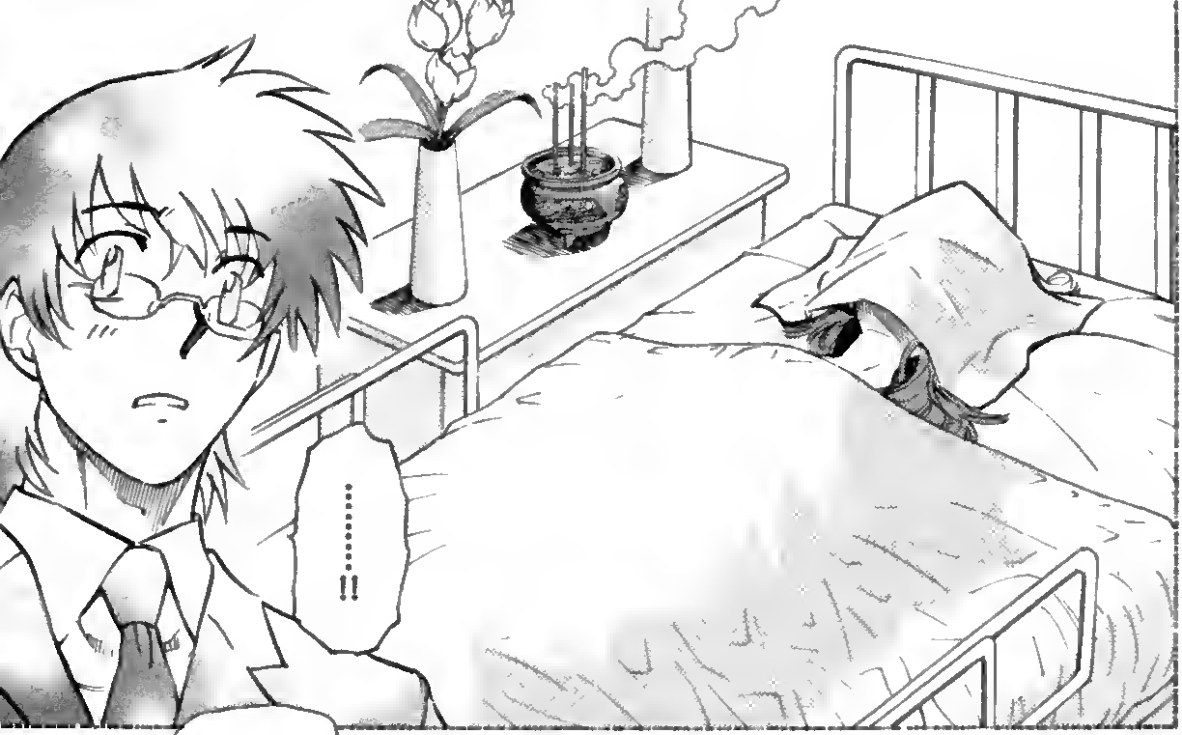
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BUT...
ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL?
MAY I... SEE HER FACE?

UUHHH ...
UUUHH!!
IT'S MORNING!
MINAMOTO!? HEY, MINAMOTO!
SHE'S DEAD.

BREAKFAST IS...
S-SORRY.
WE ALREADY MADE IT AND ATE IT.
YOU LOOK WORN OUT.
AH!
WE'RE HEADING TO SCHOOL!
OKAY...
HAVE FUN.
WE'RE GOING.
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HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL THEM?
BUT...
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WAAH!!?
CHIEF!?
B.A.B.E.L.
WELL, SINCE THEY'RE ESPERS...
SOME THINGS ARE UNAVOIDABLE.

I SEE, SO THEY CALLED YOU TO MAKE THE FOOD.
SORRY.
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

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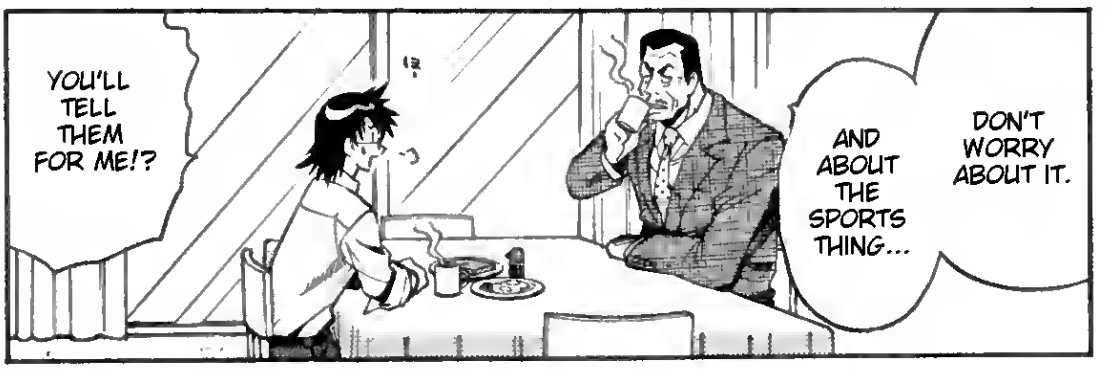
YOU'LL TELL THEM FOR ME!?
AND ABOUT THE SPORTS THING...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

WHICH MEANS THAT YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM SOMETIME TODAY!
WE HAVE TO LET IT TAKE ITS NATURAL COURSE.
THAT'S AN ORDER!
YOU BASTARD ...!!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

After school
And then ...
SCHOOL'S OVER!
AHHH!
AKASHI-SAN...!

I'M GONNA...
YEAH.
CLICK CLICK
HAVE YOU DECIDED ...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN OR NOT?
MISSION!!
BEEP BEEP
AN EMERGENCY ...
BEEP
14
A-AKASHI-SAN?
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, SO WAIT FOR ME!!
SORRY, SENSEI. SOMETHING JUST CAME UP!

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"THE CHILDREN" HAVE ARRIVED!!
THANKS FOR COMING!
.....!
TELE-PATHY!?
AH, IT'S "DOUBLE FACE"!!
THIS WAY!
SO YOU GO OUT ON MISSIONS NOW.
HOW RUDE!!
DID YOU GET TOO OLD TO BE RECEPTIONISTS?
ALL THEY ARE IS YOUNG AND CUTE. THEY'RE COMPLETELY USELESS...
AND THEIR POWERS ARE SO-SO, SO THEY CAN'T DO THE JOB RIGHT.
I'VE GOT TO MEET THESE NEW GIRLS...!!
THERE ARE SOME NEW RECEPTIONISTS, SO WE ONLY WORK HALF THE SHIFTS WE USED TO.

AN ACCIDENT AT THIS INTERSECTION CAUSING 3 DEATHS WAS PREDICTED.
THERE'S ONLY FIVE MINUTES UNTIL IT OCCURS.
WE BLOCKED OFF THE ROAD, BUT THE PROBABILITY DIDN'T CHANGE.
THE EFFECTIVE CHANGE LEVEL IS 7.
THERE'S NO ONE ON THE ROAD, BUT DEATHS WERE PREDICTED ...?
KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE SURROUNDINGS.
"THE CHILDREN" ARE ON STANDBY TO DEAL WITH IT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS...!
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BUT I'M...
WE'RE NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE IT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO...
IF WE COMBINE OUR POWERS...
WE CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING!

HE WENT OUT OVER THE SEA...
WHERE'S THE MAJOR ?
SUMMER LIKE THAT?
In Silent Prayer
THE MAJOR SEES ...
I GUESS THE POSTWAR PERIOD ISN'T OVER...

BUT...
WE CAN GO BACK TO JAPAN FOR THE BON FESTIVAL.
For the rest of that year, P.A.N.D.R.A focused its activity overseas.
KYAAAH !!
LET'S GO TO A BEACH IN THE OKINAWA AREA.
I NEED TO BUY A SWIMSUIT !!
KYAAAH
YAHOO !!
IT FEELS SO GOOD!!

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EVERYONE, GUARD THE AREA!!
1 MINUTE UNTIL THE ACCIDENT !!
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ME NEITHER.... NO, WAIT!
!!
I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING ...!

THAT CRANE!!
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AOI!!
KAORU!!
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ROGER!
WHAT ...!?
IT'S GOING TO COLLAPSE!!
THE BOLTS HOLDING IT UP ARE COMING OFF!?

WE WON'T LET YOU!!
PSYCHIIIC ...

BLADE CATCH!!
KH...!!
IT'S HEAVY...!
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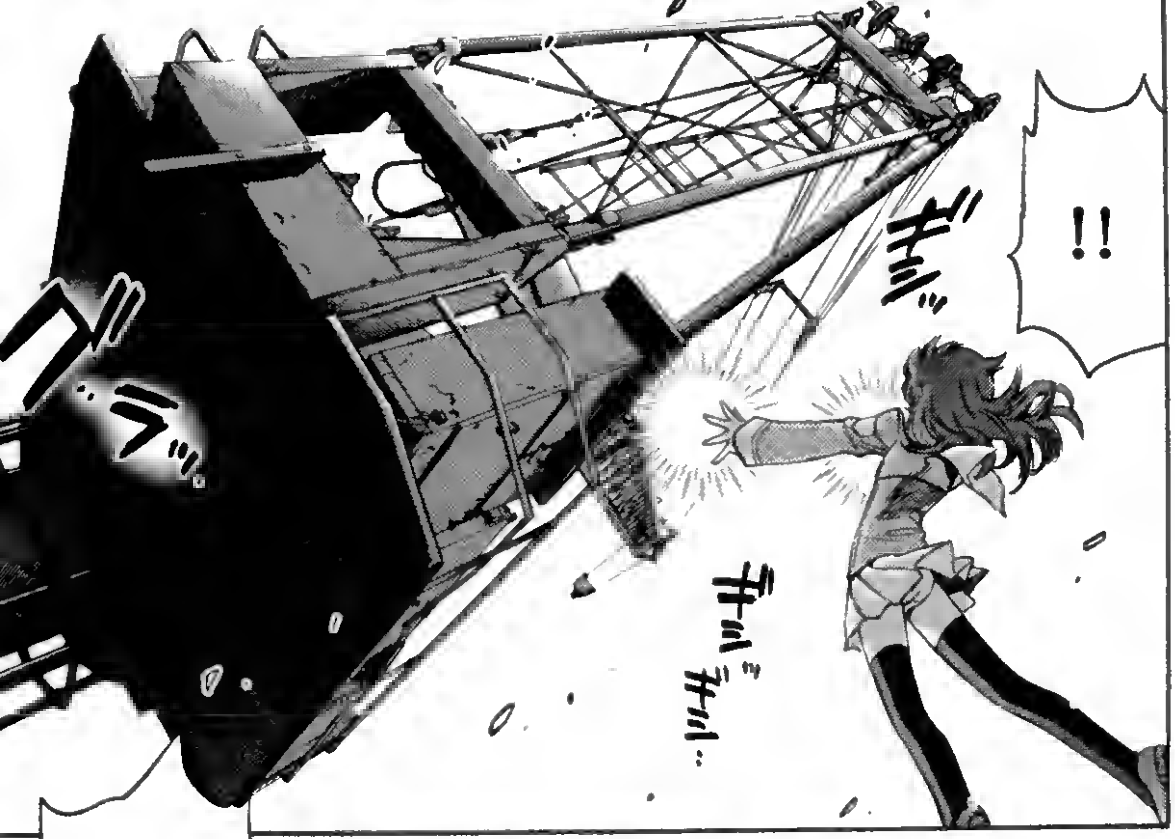
GRAB ON!!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IT'S SWAYING TOO MUCH FOR ME TO CONTROL IT!!
DAMMIT, IT'S GETTING UNBALANCED!!

SHE CAN'T CHANGE THE FULCRUM IN TIME!!
KAORU-CHAN'S HAVING TROUBLE...!
IT'S GOING TO FALL INTO THE INTERSECTION WHERE THE POLICEMEN FORMING THE ROADBLOCK ARE!!

NOT GOOD!!
EVACUATE!!
W-WAAA-AAH!!
THIS IS...
WHAT THE PREDICTION WAS ABOUT...!?

NOW, MINAMOTO-SAN!!
OKAY!!
"THE CHILDREN" ...
KAORU!! KEEP TRYING!!
TRIPLE BOOST!!
PSYCHIIIC ...!!

W-WOW ...!!
OH...!!
WAY TO GO...!!
SOFT LANDING!!
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS ...!!
BUT...
KAORU!

AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN TRAINING AS MUCH LATELY...!!
WE'VE BEEN TOO CAUGHT UP IN THEM GRADUATING AND ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SHE HASN'T LEARNED TO CONTROL HER NEWLY GAINED POWER.

BUT...
IT REALLY DOES...
SHE JUST NEEDS TO REST A LITTLE!
SHE DIDN'T TAKE ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE.

TO SUCCEED AS A TEAM. ♡
FEEL GOOD...

...IT WAS WEIRD.
IT WAS LIKE ALL THE BOLTS CAME OUT ON THEIR OWN.
SO...
WHAT CAUSED THIS?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT...
BUT I CAN'T SENSE AN ESPER LIKE THAT IN THE AREA.
COULD IT HAVE BEEN A CRIMINAL ESPER!?
BUT IF NEITHER SHIHO NOR "DOUBLE FACE" CAN SENSE ANYTHING...
IT MUST BE A HIGH LEVEL ESPER WITH SOME SPECIAL POWER...
IF IT'S A CRIMINAL THAT DOES IT FOR PEOPLE'S REACTIONS, HE WOULD BE NEARBY ...
LOOKING AT THE SITUATION, IT MOST LIKELY WASN'T TERRORISM.

BUT WHY WOULD SOMEONE DO THIS...?
WHAT WAS THE POINT...?

HEE HEE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN SUCH A HURRY.
THE GAME HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.
FROM NOW ON, YOU WON'T JUST BE PLAYING WITH "P.A.N.D.R.A" ...
I'LL HAVE YOU PLAY WITH ME AS WELL.
SO MAKE SURE YOU'RE FREE AFTER SCHOOL. ♡
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YEAH.
EH...?
YOU'RE NOT JOINING ...?
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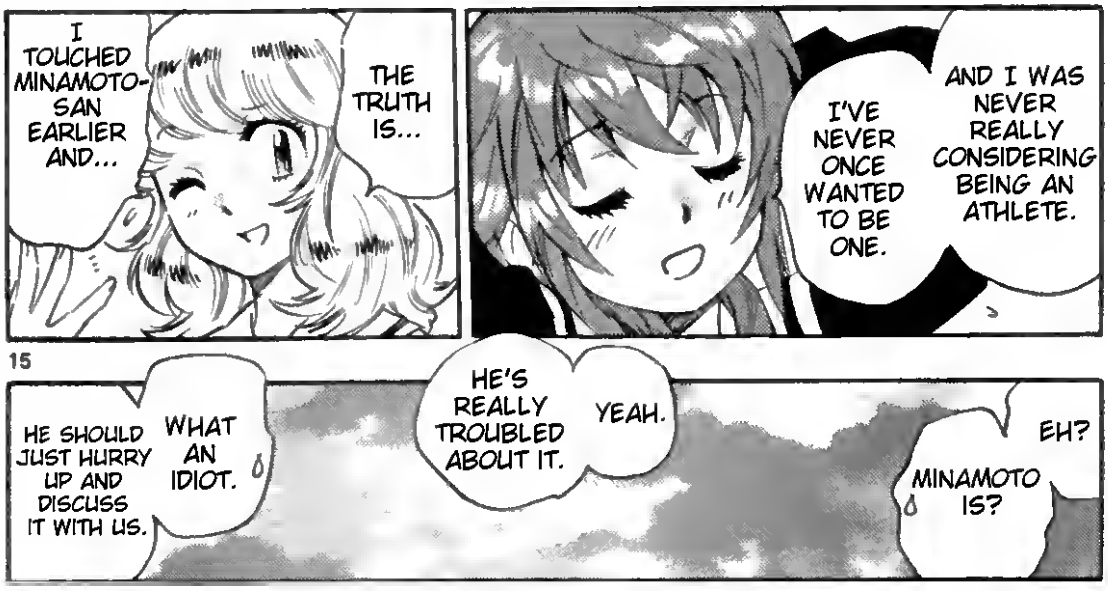
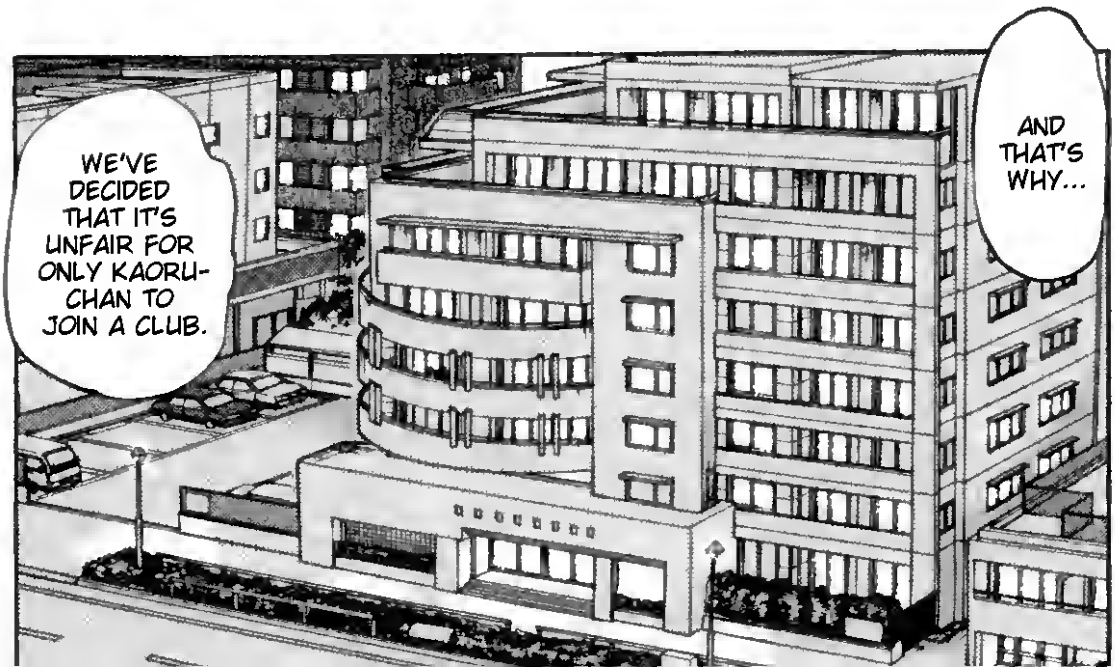
AKASHI-SAN!?
AH, WAIT...
SEE YA.
WE TEND TO BE BUSY AFTER SCHOOL.
SORRY, SENSEI! THANKS FOR INVITING ME, THOUGH!
WHAT A WASTE ...!
GEEZ ...!
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS ABSENT AND LEAVING EARLY.
THE CHIEF IS MAKING SOME UNDER THE TABLE DEAL RIGHT NOW.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ACTRESSES OR SOMETHING.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN.

AND ANYWAYS ...
THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH LEVEL ESPERS GOING TO WATCH SPORTS MATCHES.
ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING IN THEM WOULD HAVE TO BE A REAL PAIN.
!
AH... THAT'S RIGHT...!


I TOUCHED MINAMOTO-SAN EARLIER AND...
THE TRUTH IS...
AND I WAS NEVER REALLY CONSIDERING BEING AN ATHLETE.
I'VE NEVER ONCE WANTED TO BE ONE.

EH?
MINAMOTO IS?
YEAH.
HE'S REALLY TROUBLED ABOUT IT.
WHAT AN IDIOT.
HE SHOULD JUST HURRY UP AND DISCUSS IT WITH US.


AND THAT'S WHY...
WE'VE DECIDED THAT IT'S UNFAIR FOR ONLY KAORU-CHAN TO JOIN A CLUB.

DON'T YOU AGREE, MINAMOTO-HAN?
SO I THINK I'LL JOIN ONE, TOO.
EH...!?

HEY, ISN'T THIS GREAT, MINAMOTO?
UH... NO, UM... ACTUALLY... UMM...
Ehh!

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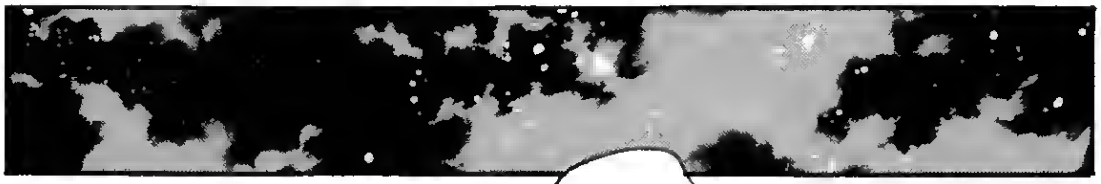
EXCITED
EXCITED
BABEL



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UGGHH. UGGHH.
BUT THIS IS A GOOD LESSON FOR HIM!
I FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR HIM...
TEE HEE
HE'S HAVING A NIGHTMARE.
MAYBE NOW HE WON'T TREAT US LIKE KIDS AS MUCH.
TREATING US IN THIS WEIRD WAY EVEN THOUGH WE'RE A TEAM.
THIS IS HIS PUNISHMENT FOR...

WELL, MY LIFE FUNCTIONS WERE IMPROVED, TOO.
SO A FLYING SQUIRREL'S LIFESPAN IS ABOUT 6 YEARS ...
!!
HEY, MOMO-TAROU?
MOMO-TAROU.
MOMO-TAROU ...!!
YOU KNEW I WASN'T DEAD, DIDN'T YOU!?
DON'T WRAP ME UP IN A NEWSPAPER AND THROW ME AWAY!!
THAT'S THE PROPER WAY TO BURY A RODENT.
WHEN YOU DO DIE, THAT'S WHAT I PLAN ON DOING.

SUPERVISOR TANIZAKI HAS STOPPED HIS PERVERTED ACTIONS.
NOW THAT I'M IN COLLEGE ...
MY OPINION OF HIM HAS IMPROVED.
IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER CURFEW!!
.....
HE'S HOLDING IT IN!?
THAT WILL JUST MAKE HER HATE YOU THE MOST!!
BLOOD !?
B-BWAAAH !!
HE'S VOMIT-ING BLOOD !!?

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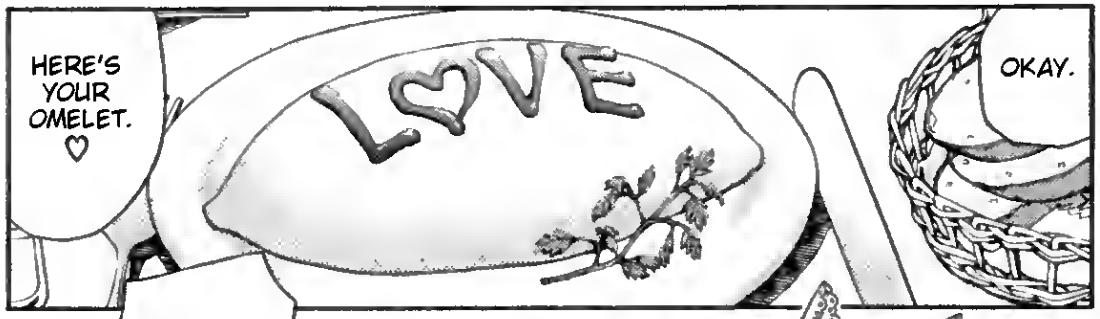
THEY'RE APRON DRESSES. ♡
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
AREN'T THEY CUTE?


HERE'S YOUR OMELET. ♡
LOVE
OKAY.

MADE IT FOR YOU OR ANYTHING!!
AH...
UM... YOU GIRLS!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE...
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEADS?

BY THE WAY...
MINAMOTO, CAN I CALL YOU "ONII-CHAN" FROM NOW ON?
WHY!?

GOOD MORNING.
ガラッ
WHY'S IT SO NOISY OUT HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING!?
DID SOMEONE COME...

EH!?
OVER!?
LOVE
!!
H-HUH!?
!?
YOU...

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO US WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION!?
AND CRIMINAL !!
AND PERVERT !!
CHEAT-EEEER!
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SHOULD BE GETTING UPSET OVER!
NO!! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
!!

WAAAAIT!! LISTEN TO MEEEE!!
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QUIET. I'LL TALK WITH YOU AFTER I'VE EXECUTED HIM.
A YANDERE!? ARE YOU A YANDERE!?
ARE YOU GIVING ONII-CHAN THE PUNISH-MENT OF LOVE!?

CHIEF!?
!!
ガラッ
WA HA HA HA HA!! WERE YOU SURPRISED!?

THESE ARE THE NEW DECOYS FOR WHEN YOU ARE DEPLOYED.
THEY'RE SUPER MOBILE FIGURINES THAT ARE EXACTLY LIKE YOU IN EVERY WAY!
I MEAN... SORRY FOR SURPRISING YOU!

THE SHADOWS OF THE CHILDREN, "SHADOW KIDS" FOR SHORT!!
WE'VE NAMED THEM...

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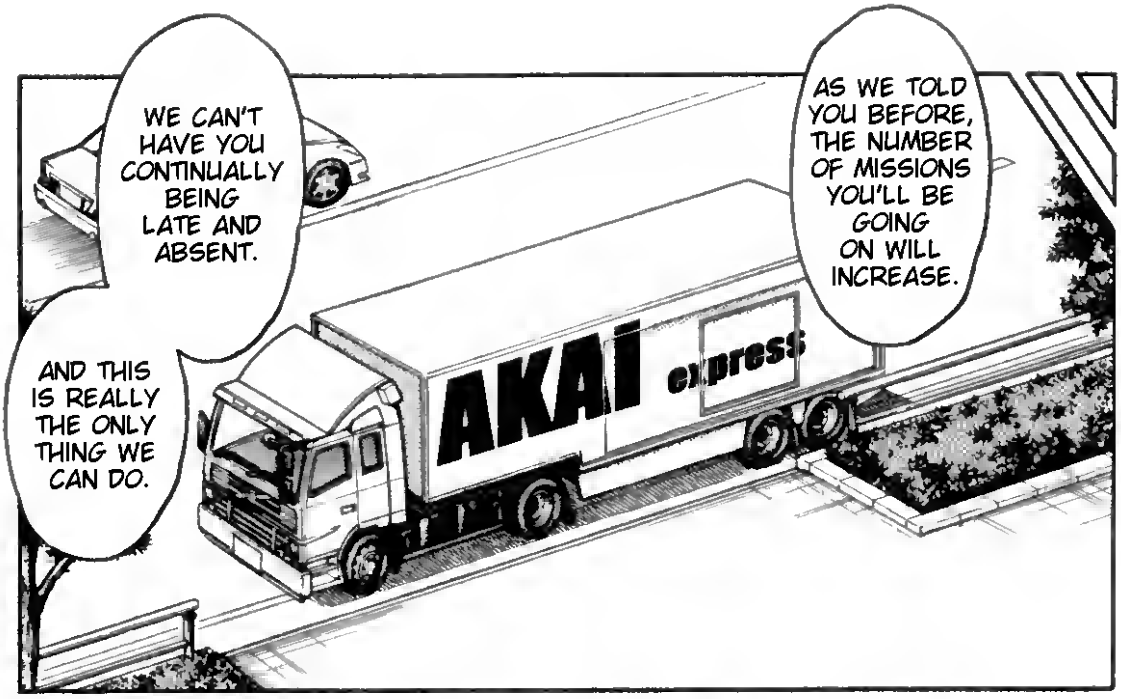
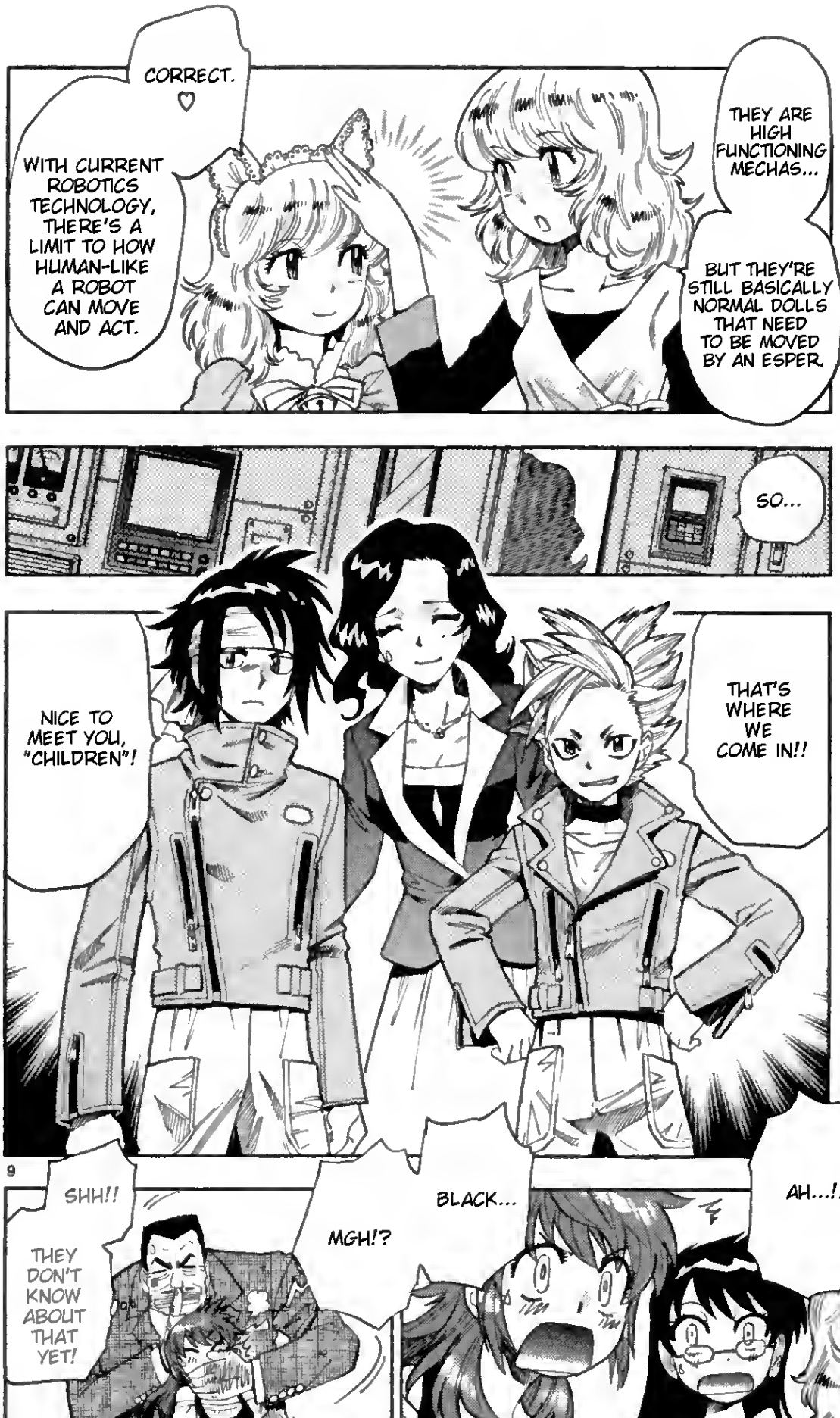
NO!! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
THERE'S A REASON FOR THIS...!!
YOU PERVERT !!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO US WITHOUT OUR PER-MISSION !!
SO IT WAS YOU!!


WE CAN'T HAVE YOU CONTINUALLY BEING LATE AND ABSENT.
AS WE TOLD YOU BEFORE, THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS YOU'LL BE GOING ON WILL INCREASE.
AND THIS IS REALLY THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO.
AKAI express

ARE THEY MOVED BY AN ESPER?
OR ARE THEY ROBOTS?

...WOW.
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THEY KINDA PISS ME OFF.

BUT...
THE "SHADOW KIDS" PROJECT WAS STARTED BACK WHEN YOU ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
I THOUGHT THAT, AFTER KUGUTSU'S BETRAYAL, THAT IT WASN'T SHOWING ANY RESULTS ...


CORRECT. ♡
WITH CURRENT ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY, THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW HUMAN-LIKE A ROBOT CAN MOVE AND ACT.
THEY ARE HIGH FUNCTIONING MECHAS...
BUT THEY'RE STILL BASICALLY NORMAL DOLLS THAT NEED TO BE MOVED BY AN ESPER.
SO...
NICE TO MEET YOU, "CHILDREN"!
THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN!!
9
SHH!!
THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT YET!
MGH!?
BLACK...
AH...!!

I AM BARRET, A TECHNICAL OFFICER!
MY MISSION IS TO GUARD "THE CHILDREN" AND SUPPORT THE "SHADOW KIDS"!
THE NAME'S TIM TOY!
I'M A SYNTHETIC POWER ESPER WHO CAN CONTROL MECHAS AND FIGURINES.
THEY MAY HAVE LOST THEIR MEMORIES, BUT THEY'VE REGAINED ABOUT 80% OF THEIR POWERS.
FROM NOW ON, THEY WILL BE YOUR BODY DOUBLES WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ON MISSIONS.
10
THE DIRECTOR AND SUETSUMU-SAN WORKED QUITE HARD.
IT TOOK SOME TIME, BUT THEY WERE CURED.
SO THE AFFECT OF THE HYPNO WAS...

BUT THOSE BOYS...
SO THEY'RE TAKING THIS MISSION AS SPECIAL ESPERS...!?

THEY WERE CONTROLLED LIKE DOLLS AS ASSASSINS FOR "BLACK PHANTOM"...
AND BEFORE THAT HAPPENED, MOST LIKELY...

THEY'RE TAKING THIS MISSION ON THE DIRECTOR'S ORDERS.
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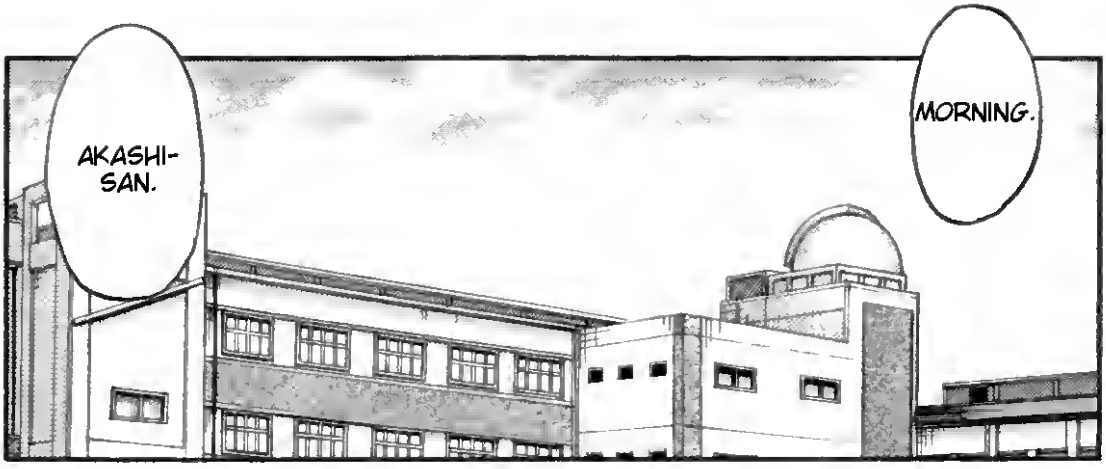
"THE FUTURE AND THE PAST CAN BE SAVED BY LOVE AND THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE."
SHE SAID THAT...
...!
YES.
WE DESIRE THIS MISSION!
THESE TWO THEMSELVES TRULY WISH TO DO THIS.
AND...
!!
BUT WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU THREE, AREN'T WE?
I WANT TO TAKE THIS MISSION!!
GIVE US YOUR APPROVAL!
IF I CAN PUT MY POWERS TO SOME USE...
WE WANT TO BE OF SOME USE.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF IT...
WE DON'T REALLY GET WHY, BUT...

BY CONNECTING THEM WITH "THE CHILDREN" ...
THEY CAN MAKE BONDS IN A NEW PLACE.
THAT'S WHAT SUPERVISOR TSUBOMI'S AIMING FOR.
WHEN THE MEMORIES OF THEIR ABOMINABLE PAST RETURN...
THAT THOSE BONDS COULD POSSIBLY ...
THOSE BONDS COULD REALLY HELP THEM.
SAVE "THE CHILDREN" IN THE FUTURE, TOO?
AND DOES SHE THINK...

THE DIRECTOR TOLD US...
THAT YOU WOULD APPROVE IF WE SHOWED OFF THE MOE-NESS OF THE SHADOW KIDS!
HOW WAS OUR SCENARIO AND ACTING!!
WASN'T IT MOE!?
WELL...
IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE DOING THINGS THE WAY YOU NORMALLY DO!!
DON'T WORRY!
GIVE US A LITTLE TIME AND WE'LL PROVE THAT THEY'RE THE PERFECT DOUBLES FOR "THE CHILDREN"!
IT'LL BE SO MOE, HE'LL BE COMPLETELY FOOLED!
THEY'RE NOT MOE!!
WHAT WERE YOU WATCHING!? ALL THEY DID WAS MAKE ME DOUBT IT WAS "THE CHILDREN" AND WANT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM!
WE UNDER-STAND.
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT HAVING DOUBLES WILL BE CONVENIENT.
BUT...
THOSE DOLLS ARE NO GOOD!!
REMAKE THEM!
EH!?
WHY!?

I'M MORE SEXY AND CUTE!!
MY BREASTS AREN'T LIKE THIS!!
THEY'RE MORE... UM...A LITTLE MORE...
YOU SHOULDN'T LIE.


MORNING.
AKASHI-SAN.

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DID YOU GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE?
IT WAS SO HARD, THAT I WAS UP UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
OH, HANAI-SAN.
GOOD MORNING. ♡
HOW ARE YOU DOING? ♡
THE WEATHER IS SO LOVELY TODAY. ♡

UM...?
DID YOU THREE HIT YOUR HEADS!?
...!?
WOULD LIKE TO CHECK TO SEE IF WE GOT THE SAME ANSWERS ON THE HOMEWORK?

OKAY, BEGIN THE OPERATION !!
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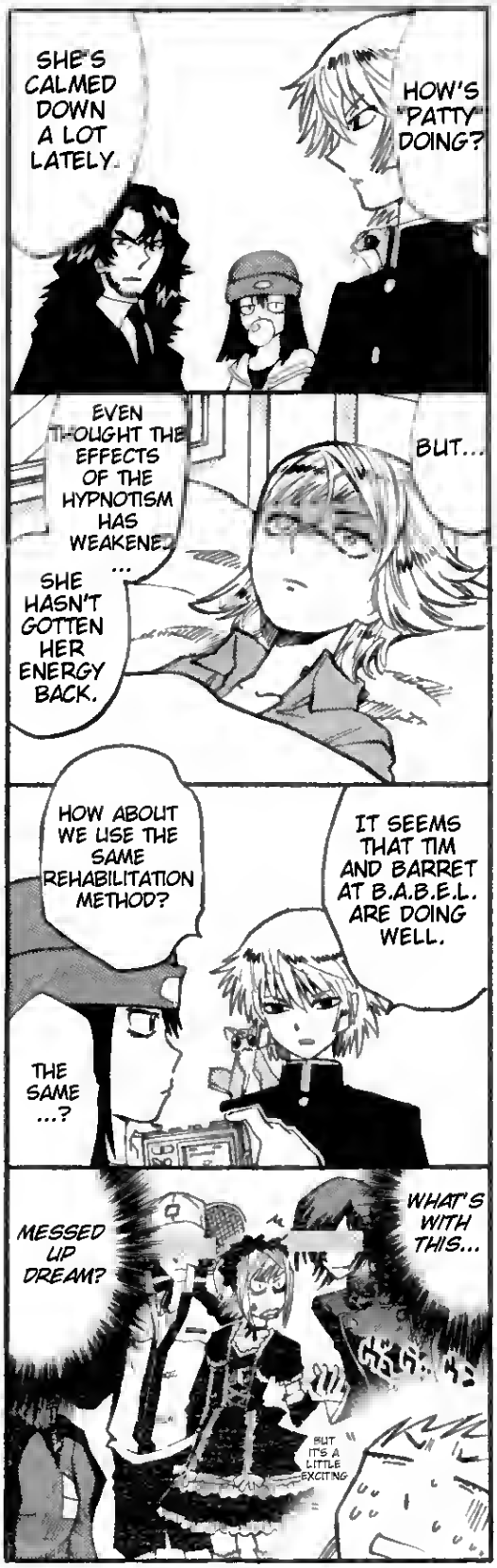
IF WE GET THROUGH THE WHOLE DAY WITHOUT BEING FOUND OUT...
WE'LL BE SPECIAL ESPERS!!
UM, YOU GUYS...
WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR IDEA OF HOW GIRLS ACT?


SHE'S CALMED DOWN A LOT LATELY.
HOW'S "PATTY" DOING?
EVEN THOUGHT THE EFFECTS OF THE HYPNOTISM HAS WEAKENED...
SHE HASN'T GOTTEN HER ENERGY BACK.
BUT...
HOW ABOUT WE USE THE SAME REHABILITATION METHOD?
IT SEEMS THAT TIM AND BARRET AT B.A.B.E.L. ARE DOING WELL.
THE SAME ...?
MESSED UP DREAM?
WHAT'S WITH THIS...
BUT IT'S A LITTLE EXCITING

UNLIKE KAORU-CHAN, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THEM.
SPORTS AND COMPE-TITIONS ARE BORING.
AND NOT USING MY POWERS IS TOO STRESSFUL...
IF I USE PSYCHO-METRY, I'M UNBEATABLE.
AH, I KNOW THE PERFECT THING FOR HER!
IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH, TOO.
WHAT IF YOU COMPETE WITH YOURSELF INSTEAD OF OTHERS?
WELL...
DO YOU REALLY WANT... ME TO HAVE THAT KIND OF BODY?
ARE YOU FINE WITH THIS?

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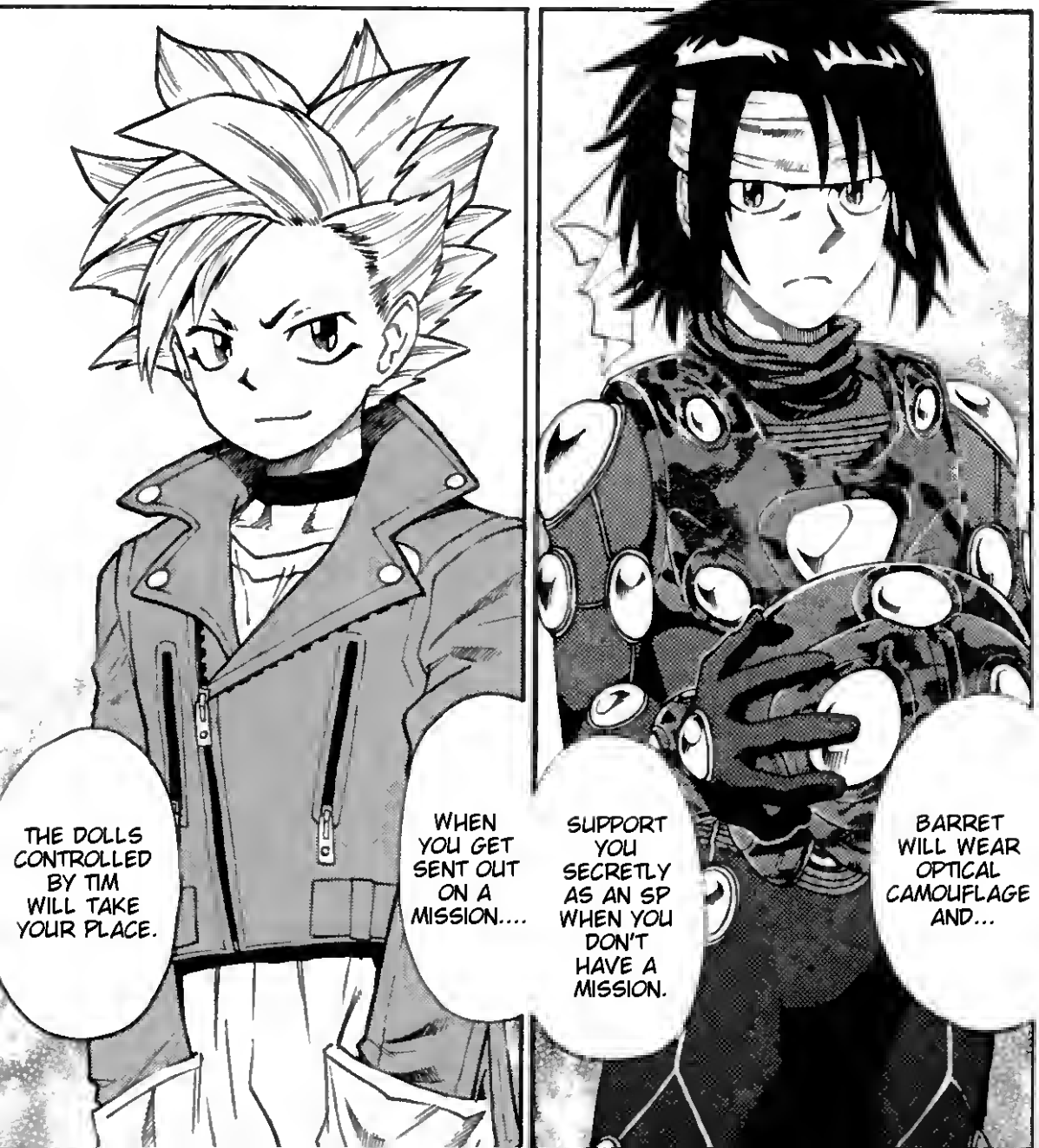
ONCE THE "SHADOW KIDS" ARE OFFICIALLY GIVEN THIS MISSION...


THE DOLLS CONTROLLED BY TIM WILL TAKE YOUR PLACE.
WHEN YOU GET SENT OUT ON A MISSION....
SUPPORT YOU SECRETLY AS AN SP WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A MISSION.
BARRET WILL WEAR OPTICAL CAMOUFLAGE AND...

WE WILL BE TESTING BOTH OF THOSE JOBS OUT TODAY!
IF THEY MANAGE TO GET THROUGH WITH NO PROBLEMS, THEY'LL BE OFFICIAL SPECIAL ESPERS!
BUT, Y'KNOW...
I'M A BIT UNEASY...
RIGHT!?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU DON'T THINK ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS ARE GOING TO SHOW UP?
HAVEN'T THEY ALREADY?

I WANT THIS TO WORK OUT...
BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, "THE CHILDREN" ARE THE ONES IT'LL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR.
SO I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO BE QUITE STRICT IN JUDGING THEM.

ROGER THAT!!
YOU GOT IT!!
WELL, THAT'S UNAVOIDABLE.
DO THIS AS WELL AS YOU CAN!
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WELL, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO DEPART!
I USE SENSORY DEPRIVATION ...
SO I CAN CONCENTRATE ON OPERATING THE DOLLS.
I GUESS I'LL GO ALL OUT, TOO.

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I AM CONTROLLING THREE AT ONCE AFTER ALL.
SEE YA.
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WITH THAT...
HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM MORE NATURALLY THAN BEFORE.
BUT...
THAT DOESN'T FIX HIS INTERPRETATION OF OUR CHARACTERS.

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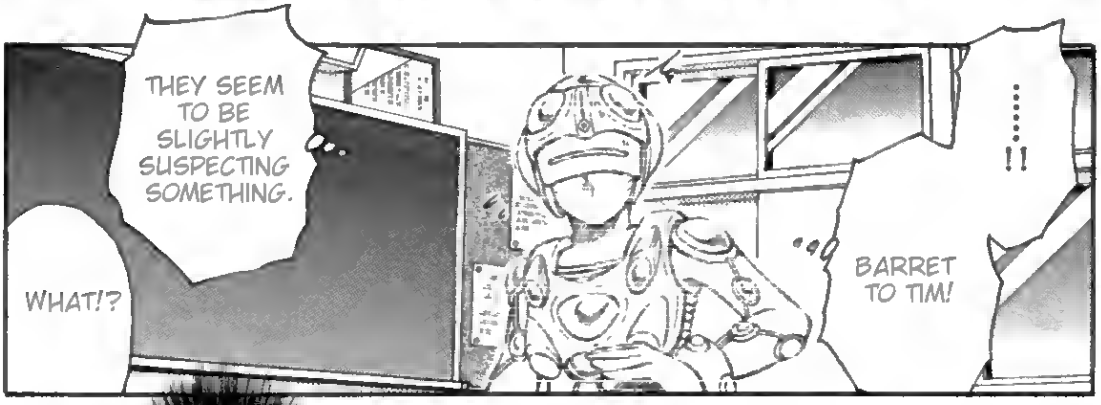
THOSE THREE REALLY ARE ACTING WEIRD...
DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THEY ARE A LITTLE OFF.

THEY REMIND ME OF DOLLS.


THEY SEEM TO BE SLIGHTLY SUSPECTING SOMETHING.
WHAT!?
BARRET TO TIM!
.....!!

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THAT MIGHT BE IT!!
IS IT WHAT I FEARED!? ARE THEY SO PERFECT THAT THEY CAN'T BELIEVE IT!?
THESE GUYS ARE HOPELESS!!
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
RIDICU-LOUS!!
MY DOLLS SHOULD BE PERFECT...!!

NOW WHAT ARE THEY!?
AND IT'S LIKE THEY'RE TRYING NOT TO BE NOTICED BY BEING OBEDIENT!!
SPARTAN HOPLITES!?
MORNIN'.
WHAT'S UP.

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OOPS!

!!
O-OH, CRAP!
AH.
THANKS, AKASHI.
HERE.
I'M TOO USED TO DEALING WITH OLD PEOPLE...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE HER STAND OUT SO MUCH...!!
ズバッ
I...
I DIDN'T DO IT...
FOR YOU OR ANYTHING!

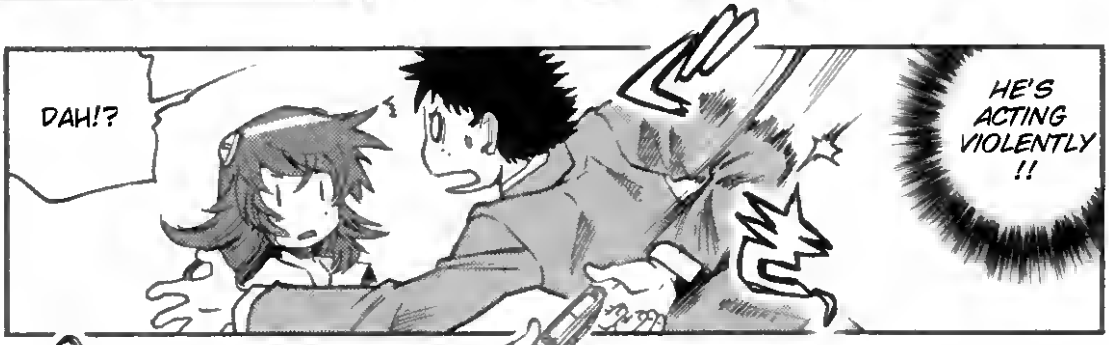
SHE USUALLY SEEMS CUTE BUT A LITTLE TOO OPEN, WHICH CAUSES HER TO BE INITIALLY POPULAR WITH THE GUYS, BUT THEN SEEMS TO FALL DOWN THE RANKS A LITTLE BIT!!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
THIS ISN'T THE NORMAL AKASHI...!?
HH'I7,,, ...!!
THIS IS...
10
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
HAS SHE BECOME AWARE OF ME!?
HAS SHE BECOME AWARE OF SOMETHING ABOUT ME!?
IT'S LIKE SHE'S OVER-FLOWING WITH CUTENESS ...
I'VE NEVER SEEN AKASHI LIKE THIS EITHER!?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
AHH, NOT BEING ABLE TO USE MY POWERS IS SO INCONVENIENT.
W-WAS IT THAT!?
UGGH.
YESTERDAY IN THE SCIENCE ROOM...

!
I'LL TAKE THAT.
ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE ON DUTY?
I'LL HELP YOU.

... THANKS. ♡
DID I RAISE A FLAG AND OPEN THAT ROUTE!?
HEY.
WAS IT THAT!! WAS IT MY CASUAL KINDNESS...?
UM...

I CAN SEE THE ENDING!!!!
IT REALLY ...
WASN'T ANYTHING, SO JUST IGNORE IT!
I-I JUST HAPPENED TO PICK IT UP!

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED ... I LOVE YOU, TOOOOOOOO!
AKASH !!!!
WAAH!?
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL!


DAH!?
HE'S ACTING VIOLENTLY !!

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him!!
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I HAVE CONTROL OF THE AREA!! DANGEROUS TARGET SUBDUED!!
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO USE MY POWERS...
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED!?
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF !!
SOMEONE TAKE HIM TO THE INFIRMARY !
AS EXPECTED OF OUR PERFECT DEFENSE!!
AND I'M SHOCKED AT HOW EFFECTIVE A TSUNDERE MOE CHARACTER I AM!!
YOU WERE KIND OF THAT WAY IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I GUESS GUYS LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND ...
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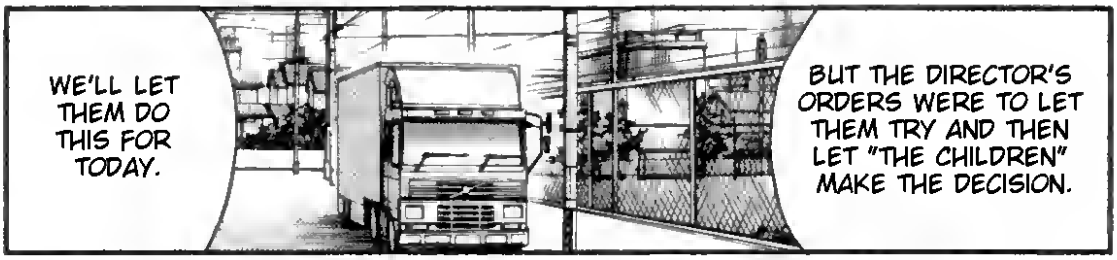
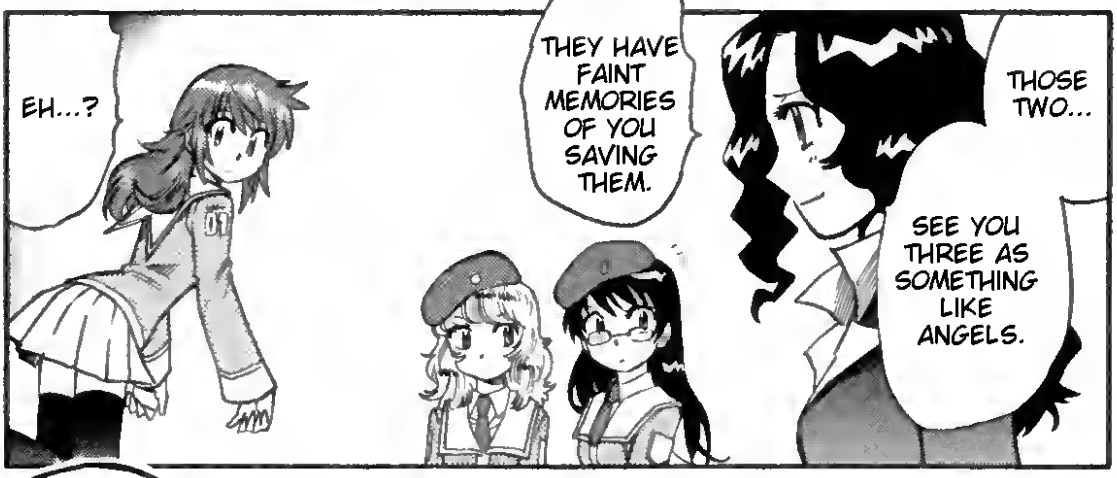
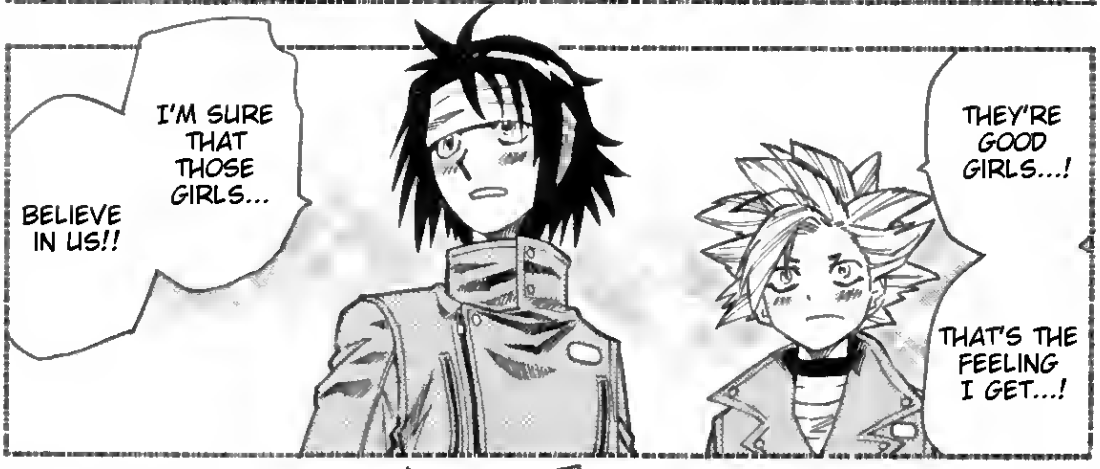
THEY ARE QUITE SKILLED...
BUT AREN'T THEY GOING A BIT OVERBOARD?
THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAUGHT A BIT MORE COMMON SENSE FIRST.
AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THEY'RE GOING TO LEARN FROM THE CHIEF.
WELL... YOU HAVE A POINT.


WE'LL LET THEM DO THIS FOR TODAY.
BUT THE DIRECTOR'S ORDERS WERE TO LET THEM TRY AND THEN LET "THE CHILDREN" MAKE THE DECISION.


EH...?
THEY HAVE FAINT MEMORIES OF YOU SAVING THEM.
THOSE TWO...
SEE YOU THREE AS SOMETHING LIKE ANGELS.

BUT YOU SEEM REALLY FOR THIS.
WELL, IT IS SOMETHING I PROPOSED ...
WE'LL DO IT!! PLEASE LET US DO IT!!

YOU HAVE NO MEMORY OF IT, RIGHT?
AS I'VE TOLD YOU, THOSE GIRLS WERE INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT WITH YOU TWO.
AND YOU STILL WANT TO DO THIS...?
BUT THAT INCIDENT IS TOP SECRET, SO I CAN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT.


I'M SURE THAT THOSE GIRLS...
BELIEVE IN US!!
THEY'RE GOOD GIRLS...!
THAT'S THE FEELING I GET...!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE THOUGHT THAT ABOUT SOMETHING 3D!!
THEY'RE SURE TO BE EVEN MORE MOE THAN CHIL CHIL!!
THEIR BEAUTY SURPASSES THAT OF THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORLD!!
PLEASE LET US TAKE THIS MISSION!!
.....

WELL...THEIR INTERESTS AND STANDARDS ARE A BIT OUT THERE, BUT...
SO THIS IS A RESULT OF THEIR IDEA-LIZATION?
ONCE THEY FIND OUT THE TRUTH, THEY'LL LOSE ALL MOTIVATION AND...
OW.
HOW RUDE!!

HEY...
IF THEY...
STILL FAINTLY REMEMBER US...
THEN WOULDN'T IT BE THE SAME FOR THEIR PAINFUL PAST?

THEY'RE ESPERS...
THEY'RE OUR COMRADES ... SO...
THEY MIGHT NEED US AGAIN...

!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... THAT MAY BE...
THAT MUST BE IT!
AND BECAUSE OF IT THEY'VE GOTTEN ADDICTED TO FAKE THINGS...

IN THE FUTURE...
SHE WILL BECOME OUR QUEEN.
BUT...
KAORU ...
YOU'RE SO KIND.

THEN...
HOW ABOUT THIS?
I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER.
THAT MAY BE SO, BUT CAN WE LET THEM PROTECT US AND ACT AS OUR DOUBLES LIKE THIS?

SHE'S NOT JUST KIND...!
THIS IS WHAT WORRIES ME!! A LOT!
KIND OF FUN!
OH, THAT SOUNDS...
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
WE CAN TEST THEM PERSONALLY.

MY MATH HOMEWORK IS TOO HARD...
NEE-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT AOI TOLD ME TO DO IT ON MY OWN.
X=2A+B SHOULD DO IT.
YOU NEED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR X IN THAT FIRST PROBLEM.
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THIS ISN'T THE HATSUNE THAT I KNOW!!!
THAT'S CORRECT.
SHE'S RIGHT.
AND HER BREASTS ARE BIGGER!
...DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT HATSUNE IS IN HIGH SCHOOL?
NOOOO

THE CHILDREN HAVE GOTTEN MORE RELIABLE.
YOU'VE BEEN COMING OUT A LOT MORE LATELY.
IF I'M LATE, THEY EVEN HAVE FOOD READY FOR ME.
AH...
ALTHOUGH IT TASTES PRETTY BAD.
YOU IDIOT, GET BACK HOME NOW!!
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THEY MUST BE REALLY MAD!!
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT ...
WITH A PSYCHO-METER, IT TASTING BAD...
MORE.
PUT IN SLIGHTLY LESS THAN A LETHAL DOSE.
HAS TO BE ON PURPOSE !!

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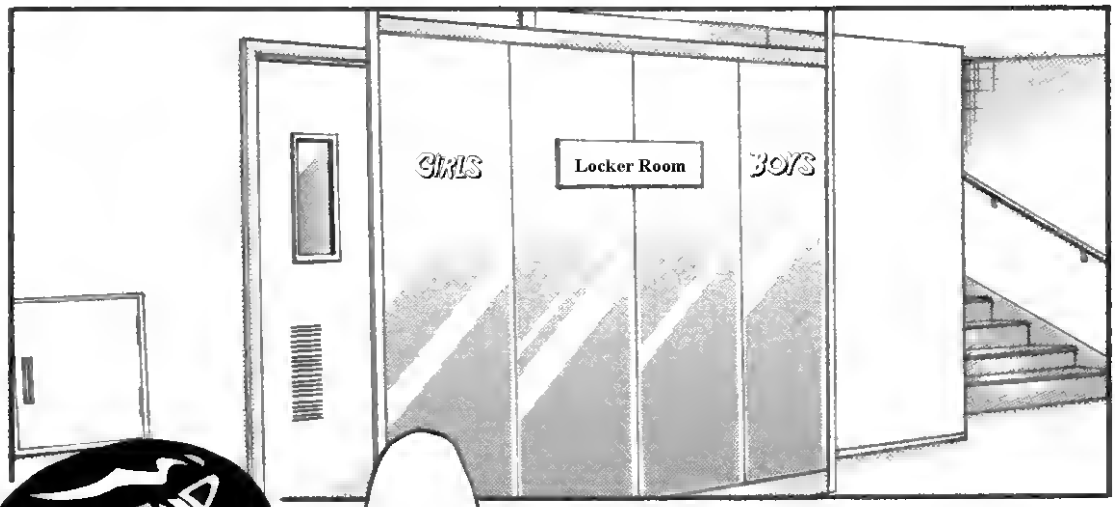
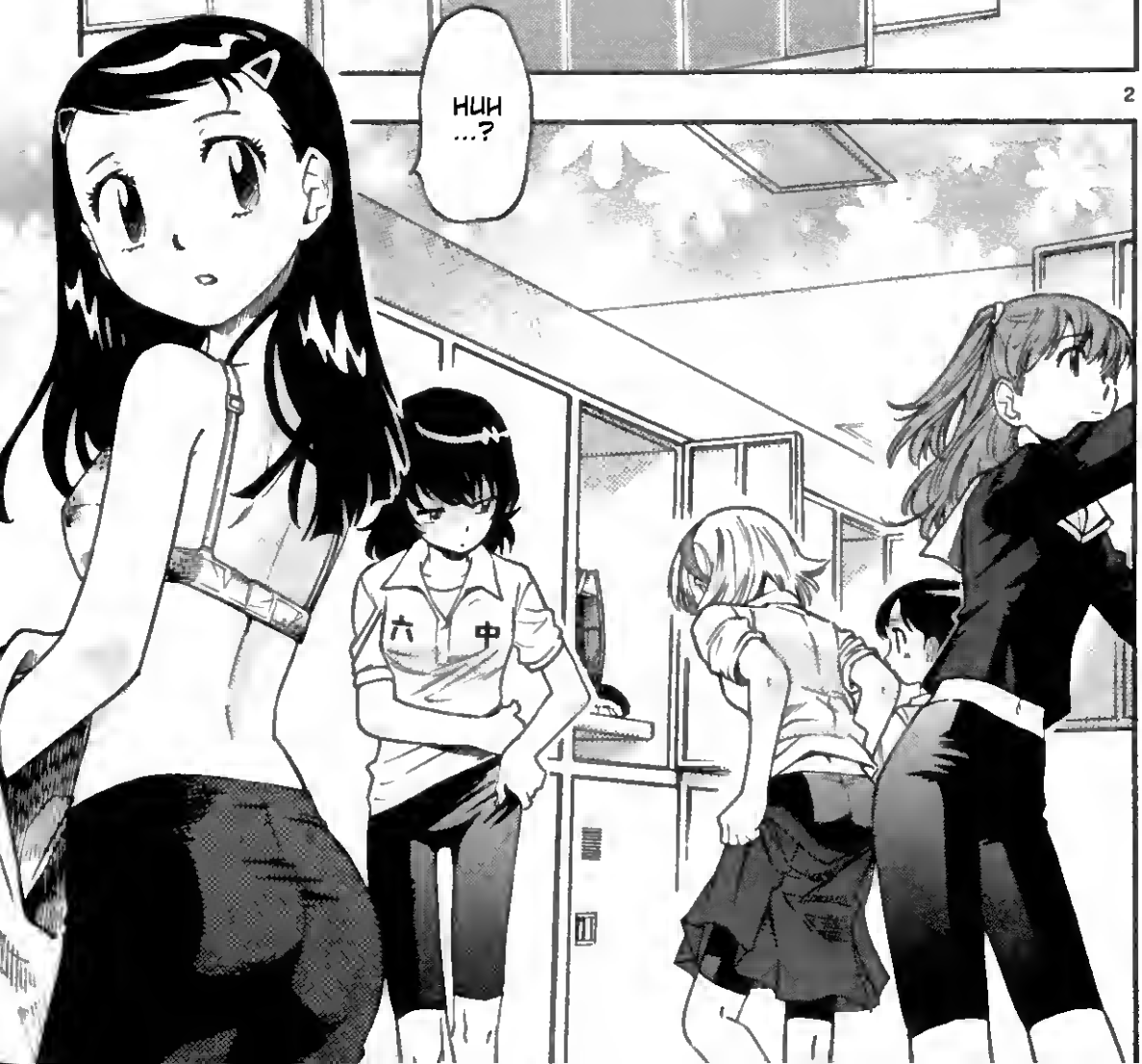

GIRLS
Locker Room
BOYS


HUH ...?
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AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHANGE?
EH, AH, YEAH.
IT'S JUST...
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……
IF IT'S YOUR PERIOD, DON'T BE EMBARRASSED AND GO TELL THE TEACHER.
PERI...!?
NO!!
THAT'S NOT IT!!

TIM?
ISN'T THAT UNNATURAL?
HAVE THEM BEHAVE MORE NATURALLY!
Y-YES, MA'AM. BUT...!!

IT'S TOO DIRTY!!
I CAN'T HELP BUT KEEP MY EYES SHUT.
SHE'S DEFINITELY ACTING ODDLY.
NORMALLY SHE'D BE LOOKING AT US WITH DIRTY EYES.
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A WEAK POINT?
YES!!
THE KEYWORD TO MY POWERS IS "TOYS"!!

AND...
THE TRUTH IS, THESE DOLLS HAVE A TECHNICAL WEAK POINT...
I'D LIKE AS FEW PEOPLE AROUND AS POSSIBLE WHEN THEY CHANGE.

SO I COULDN'T MAKE THEM LOOK REALISTIC WHILE NUDE!!
THE PARTS THAT ARE OKAY TO SEE ARE PRETTY MUCH PERFECT...
BUT IF IT WAS ALL REAL THEY'D BE RATED 18+!!

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THIS IS THE LIMIT TO HOW MUCH I CAN CONTROL "DOLLS"!!
ANY MORE THAN THIS WOULD BE A "COLLECTOR'S ITEM" TARGETED FOR MY OLDER FRIENDS. IT WOULDN'T BE A TOY!!
THIS IS HOW I DO IT!!
THEY'LL BE WEARING UNDERWEAR!!
TIM
Wholesome
Appropriate for all ages.
NO WAY!! REALLY!?
THAT KIND OF THING ONLY SHOWS THROUGH IN MANGA, LATE-NIGHT ANIME AND ADULT GRAVURE PHOTOS!!
LIKE THE NIPPLES AND THE LOWER PARTS...!!
BUT EVEN WITH UNDERWEAR, IF THE SHAPE ISN'T THERE, IT'S UNNATURAL!!
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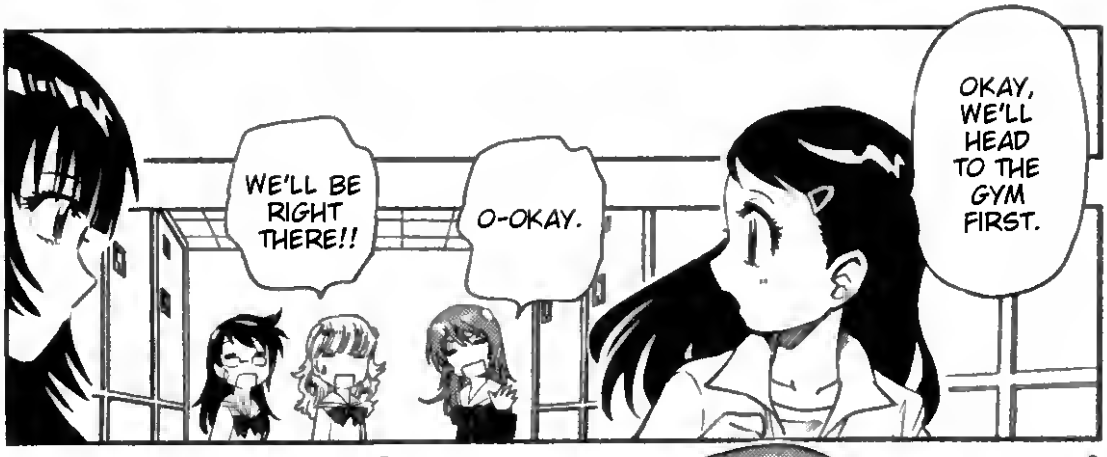
BUT THEY DO HAVE SOME TRICKY ISSUES.
I-I GUESS.
THEY'RE A LITTLE ODD, BUT ISN'T EVERYONE WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG?
AREN'T THEY WHOLESOME AND DILIGENT?

IT'LL BE FINE IF "THE CHILDREN" UNDERSTAND, THOUGH...


OKAY, WE'LL HEAD TO THE GYM FIRST.
O-OKAY.
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!

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I NEED TO HURRY UP AND CHANGE!
I HAVE THREE PEOPLE'S WORTH OF TRICKY MANEUVERS.
I NEED TO HURRY!
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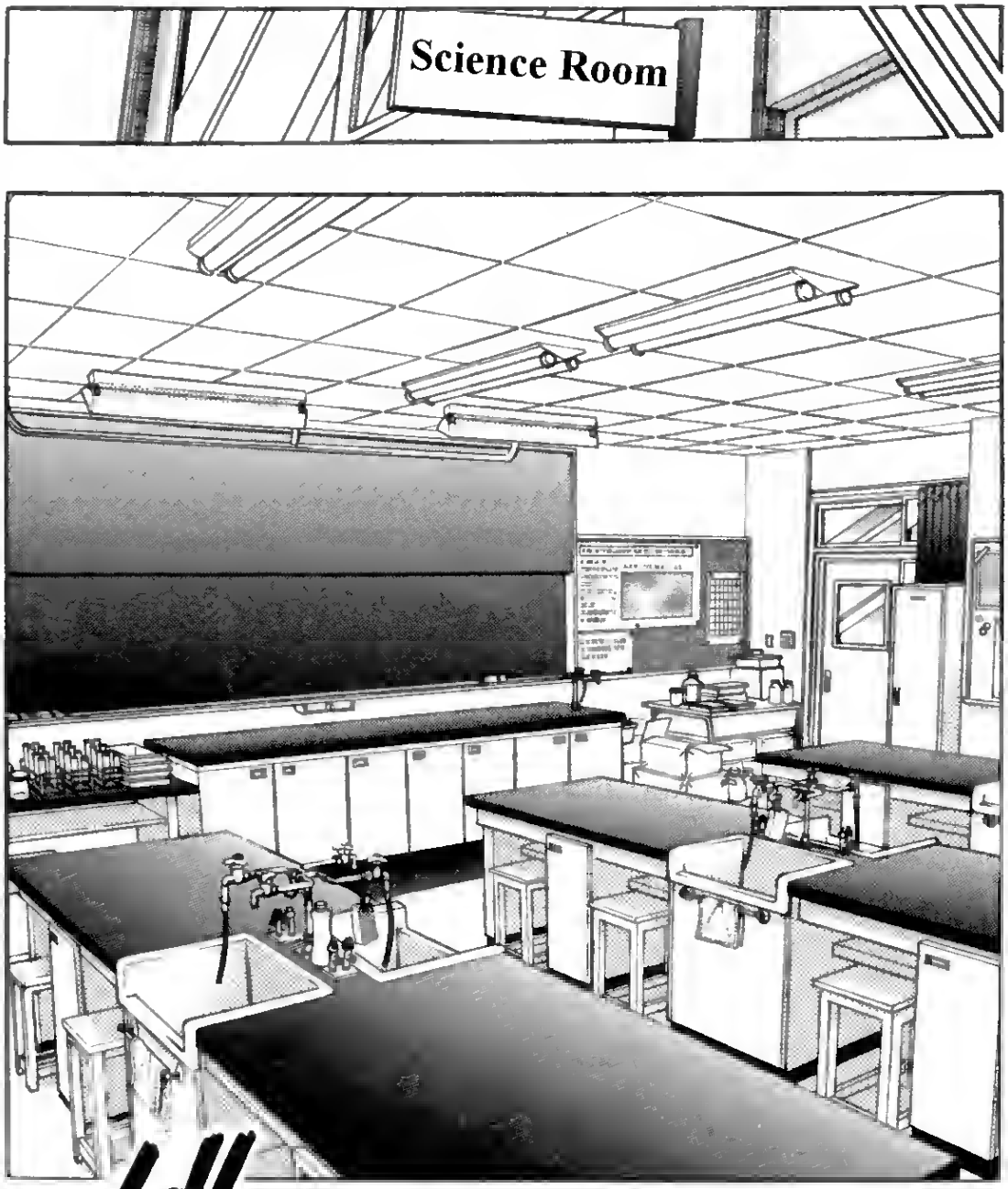
!!
EMERGENCY !!
TIM!!
IT GIVES ME CONFUSING FEELINGS THAT MAKE ME EMBARRASSED, TOO!!
PLEASE STOP HAVING THAT REACTION.
Hatai~~Do
P-PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON... H-HURRY.
7
TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT WHILE I'M WEARING OPTICAL CAMOUFLAGE AND FOR ME TO NOT NOTICE...
IT MUST BE SOMEONE DANGEROUS!!
THIS APPEARED ON MY BACK AT SOME POINT.
SO, WHAT IS IT!?

Writing on photo: I have taken one of the female students. Come to the Science Room without telling anyone.
From the Mysterious Villain!!
Hurry up.



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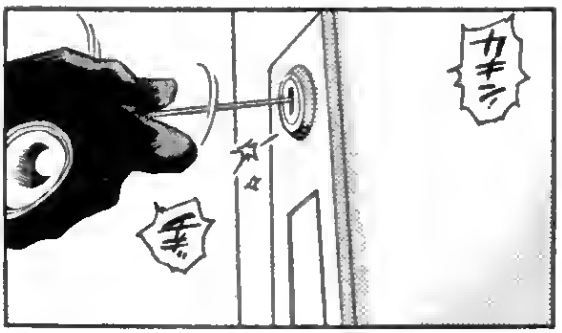

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, TIM!?
WE CAN'T LET THEM FIND OUT THAT THESE ARE FAKE "CHILDREN"!
I KNOW.
WE NEED TO SUBDUE THEM BEFORE CONVERSING!

RESCUING THE HOSTAGE TAKES PRIORITY...!!
BUT FIRST...

HEY!!
WHO DID THIS TO...
YOU!!?

AAAAAH!!?
GYAAH
...
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THE ENEMY IS A PSYCHO-KINETIC!?
IT WAS A TRAP ...!!
AND...

HEH HEH HEH...
CUTE AND LOVELY MEMBERS OF "THE CHILDREN"!
YOU SURE FELL INTO THAT TRAP EASILY...
LEAVING HERE ALIVE!!!
YOU WON'T BE...

THEY SEEM TO BE HIGH LEVEL...!!
AND...
AND A TELEPORTER ...!?

AHH!! THEY FIGURED IT OUT!? HOW!!
WAIT...DO YOU NEED SOMETHING "CHILDREN"?
EH, WHAT? YOU REALLY THOUGHT THEY WOULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT?
IS THIS PART OF OUR TEST, TOO?
KYAAH!?
I-IT ISN'T ME!
SO, IT'S YOU TWO!?
THAT'S DISTURBING!!
WAIT... STOP, KAORU-CHAN!?

!!
NO, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ...

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THE VIDEO'S DOWN...!?
!?
WHAT HAPPENED?

.....
WHAT HAPPENED?
TIM?

!!
WHO ARE YOU!?
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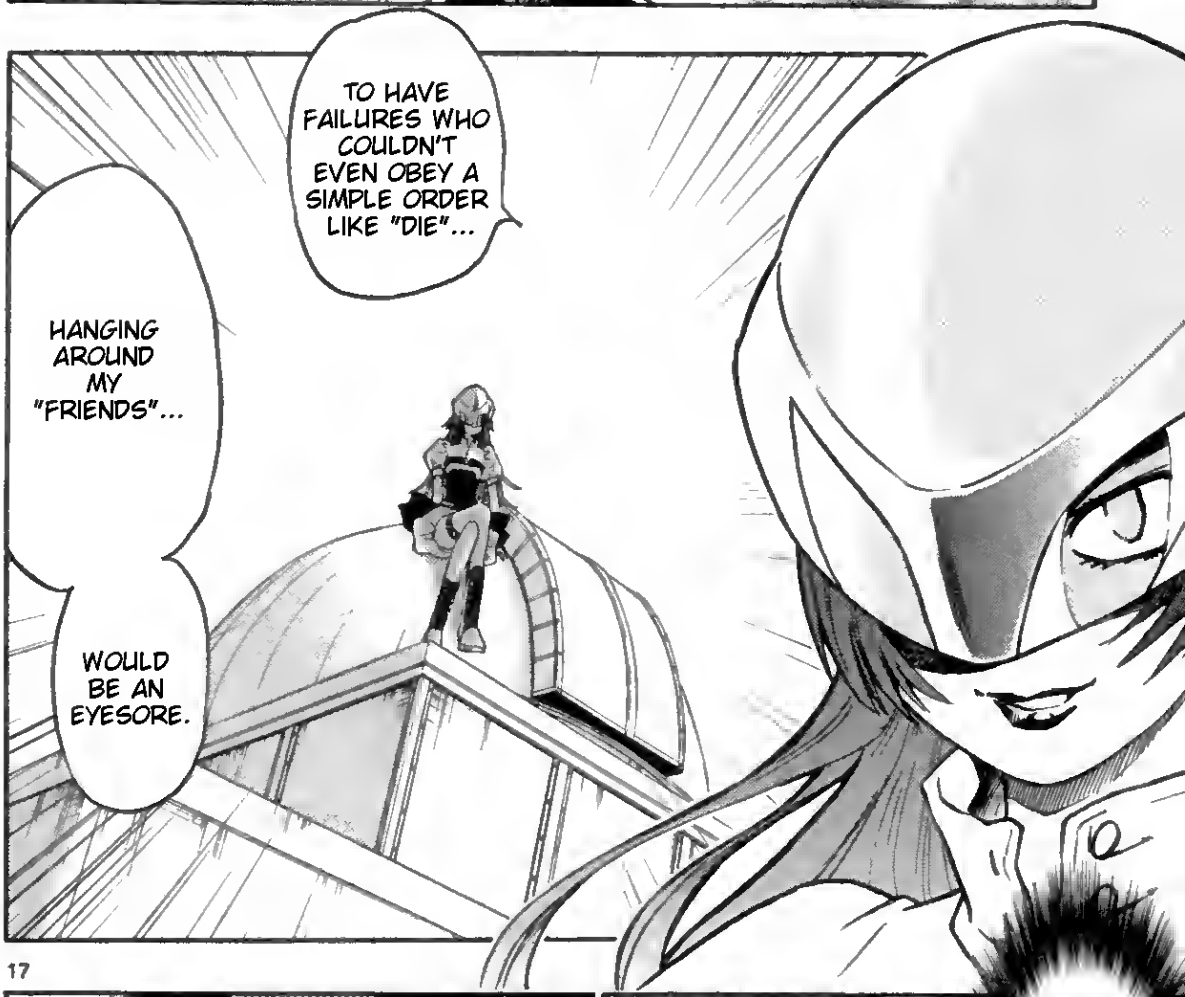
...IT'S ALREADY OVER? YOU TWO ARE USELESS.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GUARD "THE CHILDREN"?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

AND...
YOU'RE SUCH FOOLS.
THERE'S NO POINT IN TELLING YOU, BECAUSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME.


TO HAVE FAILURES WHO COULDN'T EVEN OBEY A SIMPLE ORDER LIKE "DIE"...
HANGING AROUND MY "FRIENDS"...
WOULD BE AN EYESORE.

WHO IS THIS PERSON!?

W-WHAT!?

Protagonist 2 - Voiced by Nakamura Yuuichi

Protagonist 1 - Voiced by Yusa Kouji

YOU'RE SO SPOILED, YUUKI. ♡
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE GOTTEN TO GO ON A WALK WITH YOU, SIS!
!!
WHY? EH?
どんっ
TELEPORT PAST THE CORNER UP AHEAD!!
HURRY !!
...HE'S EMBARRASSED FOR HIS FRIENDS TO SEE HIM WITH ME?
HEY!
HEY, NOGAMI!

[Note: In the anime Kyousuke is voiced by Yusa Kouji and Minamoto is voiced by Nakamura Yuuichi]

"THE CHILDREN" ARE...
MY "FRIENDS".
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ゴゴゴゴゴ
!!
WHO IS THIS...!?
六感 5th sense. シャドウ・オブ・ザ・チルドレン(4)

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THAT'S WHY IT'S AN EYESORE...

Shadows of the Children (4)

9th sense.

シャドウ・オブ・ザ・チルドレン(4)

TIM!?
WHAT WRONG!?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
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I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS...
BUT WE MUSTN'T GET NEAR HER!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT I FEEL THAT WAY, TOO!!

PSYCHIIIC
...
TRANSFORM!!
TIME TO...
FLYYYY!!

!!
NUMBER THREE!!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'VE GIVEN ME ENOUGH OF AN OPENING!!

ALL SHOTS HIT THE TARGET!!
I LOST MY GUN DUE TO CARELESSNESS ...
BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I CAN STILL FIRE WITHOUT IT!!
NO...
BARRET!!

HER POWERS ARE STRONGER THAN MINE!!
SHE'S TAKING THE DOLL AWAY FROM ME!!
WHAT ...!?

A RARE METAL FRAME-WORK WITH BULLET-PROOF HARDENED SILICON...
I'VE FOUND SOME-THING QUITE USEFUL. ♡
I'LL GIVE YOU THESE BACK AS THANKS.
HEH HEH HEH...
CONTROLLING LEAD IS YOUR SPECIALTY, RIGHT?

USE THAT POWER TO STOP THESE!!
IF YOU JUST DODGE THEM, THEY'LL HIT "THE CHILDREN"!!
...!!
YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE JUST STAYED AS "PUPPETS"!
I CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT YOU LIKE THIS!

THEY DIDN'T DODGE THEM!?
WHAT'S GOING ON...!!
!?
TIM!!
THAT SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A SHOUNEN MANGA!!
ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ANIME!? OR ARE THEY REALLY IN TROUBLE!?
BARRET, TAKE CARE OF THE REST!!
I'LL HOLD HER HERE!!
I'LL ...
I ...
WHAT!? HE'S SAYING SOME-THING!?

FIGHTING HER HERE IS POINTLESS ...!
BARRET ...
CAN YOU USE PSYCHOKINESIS TO ATTACK THE REAL BODY!?
FOUND HER!
!!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
BUT IT'S NOT OUR JOB TO KNOW.
WE JUST HAVE TO...

WITH OUR LIVES!!
DEFEND OUR MOE SPIRITS AND ALL THAT IS MOE...
キュン
!!

THERE WAS ACTUALLY RESISTANCE!!
GO MAKE SURE, TIM!!
ROGER!!
PREMIUM TOY SECRET TECHNIQUE!!
"COMBINE 2 SETS TO BRING BACK ONE WHOLE SET"!!
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I SEE HER!!
SHE'S THE ONE WHO ATTACKED US!!
RESTRAIN HER!!
OKAY ...

I'D HEARD THAT ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL'S HAD STRICT SECURITY THESE DAYS...
BUT I WAS SHOT!! SHOT!!
I WAS SHOT FOR TRYING TO STEAL SOME GYM SHORTS!!
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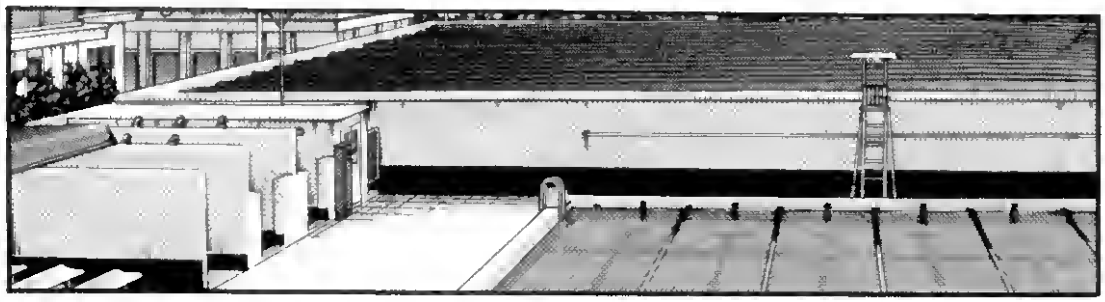
……!?
WHAT IS IT, TIM?
WELL...
THE SITUATION'S OVER! RETURN TO BASE!



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STOP!!
DIE-
THE REAL ONE ISN'T NECESSARILY THE ONLY PSYCHOKINETIC.
HEH HEH HEH...

DIDN'T YOU PROMISE!?
YOU'VE ALREADY SETTLED THIS!!
"MIRAGE" ...!!
DON'T DO ANYTHING MORE TO THOSE TWO!!

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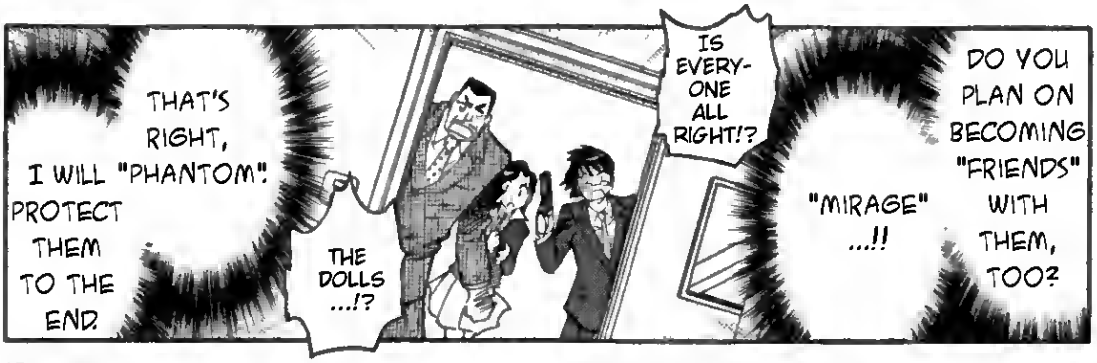
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!!
IF YOU DO ANYTHING MORE...

KH...


THAT'S RIGHT, I WILL "PHANTOM". PROTECT THEM TO THE END.
THE DOLLS ...!?
IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT!?
"MIRAGE" ...!!
DO YOU PLAN ON BECOMING "FRIENDS" WITH THEM, TOO?

TO BE "FRIENDS" INSTEAD OF "DOLLS".
UGH...
I'VE DECIDED I WANT MY "CHILDREN"..
THE FIRST GIRLS.
D-DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

MAJOR,
I HAVE THE PERSONNEL SELECTION FOR THE NEXT MISSION, BUT...
HAVE YO DO IT.
JUST MAKE MUSCLE DO IT.
EHHH ...
THAT'S SUCH A PAIN.
WHAT'S THIS WEIRD GAME YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING ...
WHERE YOU'VE BEEN SHIFTING THE ORDER OF NAMES AROUND IN YOUR MIND... AAH!?
YOU SAW IT!?
YOU PEAKED AT A MAIDEN'S SECRET, YOU DAMN TELEPATH!!

Fresh Meat
THIS IS EXPENSIVE.
Beef
THAT'S RIGHT ...
AND THEN ...
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
N-NO-WHERE!
I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW SOME PEOPLE I KNOW WERE DOING.
HEE HEE

Phantom in Paradise (1)

10th sense. ファントム・イン・パラダイス（1）

TOKYO.
...
TOKYO IS A REALLY SCARY PLACE!!
I WAS SHOOOOT!!
POLICE
POLICE

W-WHAT!?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
THERE WAS A PERVERT!
!

ARE ...
ARE YOU OKAY!?
YEAH.
AHH, IT WAS SO SCARY. ♡
BECAUSE WE STAYED BEHIND IN THE LOCKER ROOM, HE WAS LYING IN WAIT FOR US...

WE HAVE EXCELLENT SECURITY GUARDS.
BECAUSE AT SCHOOL ...
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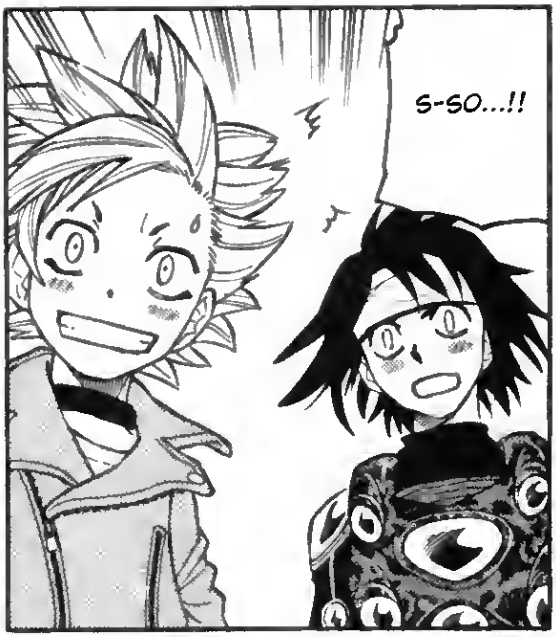
YOU GIRLS REALLY ARE...
.....!!
CHILDREN!!

MOEE EEEEEE!!!
...
"MOE" ...?
STOP SAYING THAT!!
BUT YOU DID QUITE WELL.
GOOD JOB.
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE APPROVED OF YOU, TOO.
CONGRATULATIONS!

THEY DIDN'T AGREE TO THAT!!
THEY'LL CALL US ONII-SAN NOW!?


S-SO...!!

SO?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT THE CRIMINAL CONFESSED?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY PROOF LINKING HIM TO "BLACK PHANTOM".
HE HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, BUT HIS PSYCHIC POWERS ONLY AWOKE RECENTLY...
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING BEYOND THAT.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SCIENCE ROOM WAS REAL.
THAT THEIR MEMORIES CONVENIENTLY END IS ODD.
BUT...
BASED ON WHAT THEY'VE SAID, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY TIM AND BARRET'S MEMORIES WERE MESSED WITH.
AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE THREATENING NOTE THAT CALLED THEM OUT.
MIGHT ALREADY BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE NEARBY...HUH?
.....
SO BLACK PHANTOM ...
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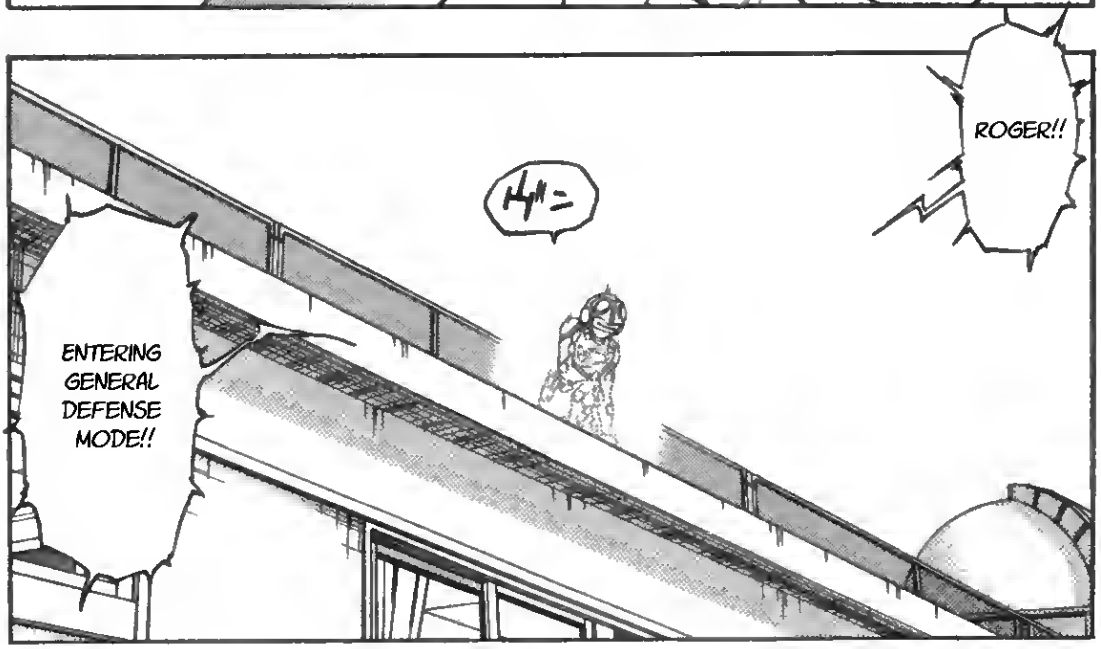
YES, MA'AM.
AND LET US IN, TOO!
Only good looking guys allowed inside! Fujiko
I LEAVE IT TO YOU, KIRITSUBO-KUN!
WE MIGHT BE GETTING VERY BUSY SOON.

WELL...
WE'RE GOING.
OKAY!
BE CAREFUL.
WE WILL.

"SOTC".
I'M HEADING TO WORK.
I LEAVE THEM TO YOU.


ROGER!!
ENTERING GENERAL DEFENSE MODE!!

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OKAY...
DONE!!
CHISAAATO-CHAN!!
MORNING!!
KYAAH.
AH... HYAHN!?
HEY, ISN'T YOUR BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK?
LET'S CELEBRATE IT ON SUNDAY AGAIN THIS YEAR!
MORNING ...!!
A-AKASHI-SAN!!

YOU'VE GROWN UP!!
EVEN MORE THAN LAST YEAR!!
THANK YOU FOR BEING BORN!!
AND THANK YOU FOR GROWING UP!!
WAIT...
STOP...
AHN!!

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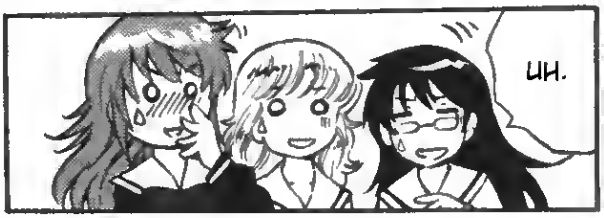
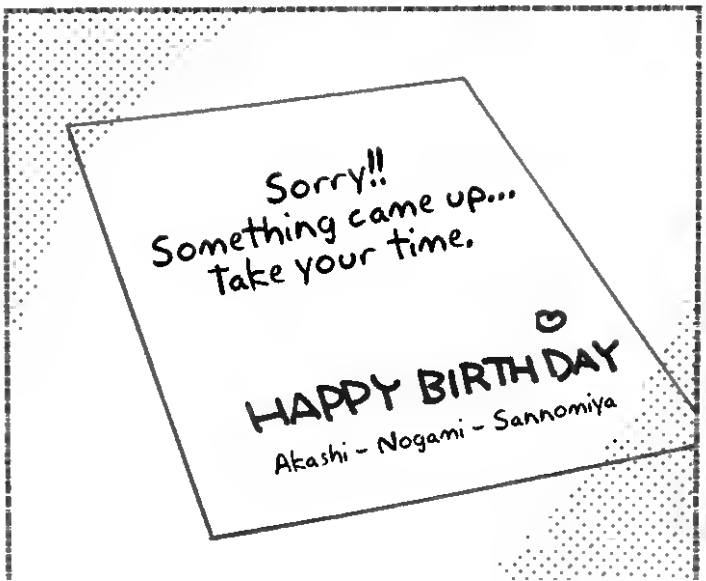
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR?
BUT YOU SAID "AGAIN THIS YEAR"...

THANK YOU.
YOU REMEMBERED ...!!

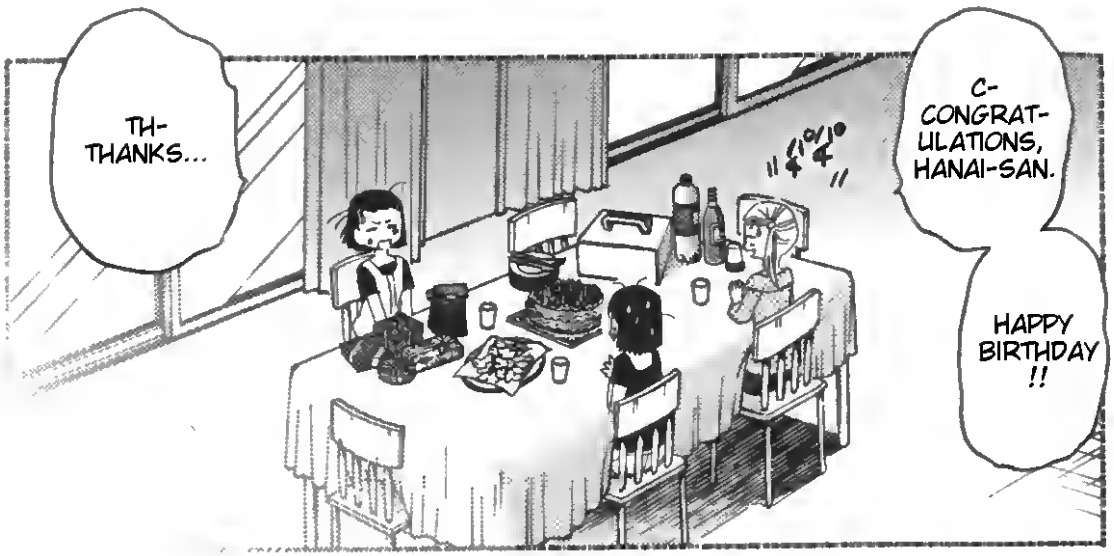

UH.

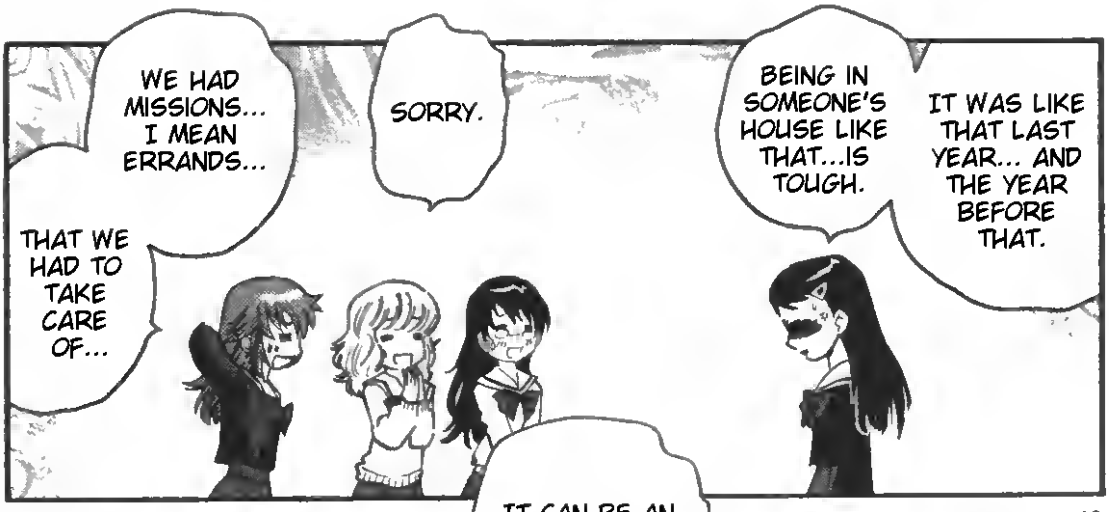
WE NEED TO CELE-BRATE!!
IT'S CHISATO-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY!!
I-I REMEMBER, BUT...

YEAH! IT'LL BE MORE FUN WITHOUT ADULTS!!
DO IT AT OUR PLACE INSTEAD!
THANK YOU...!!
I'LL TELL MY MOM TO GET A PARTY SET UP...

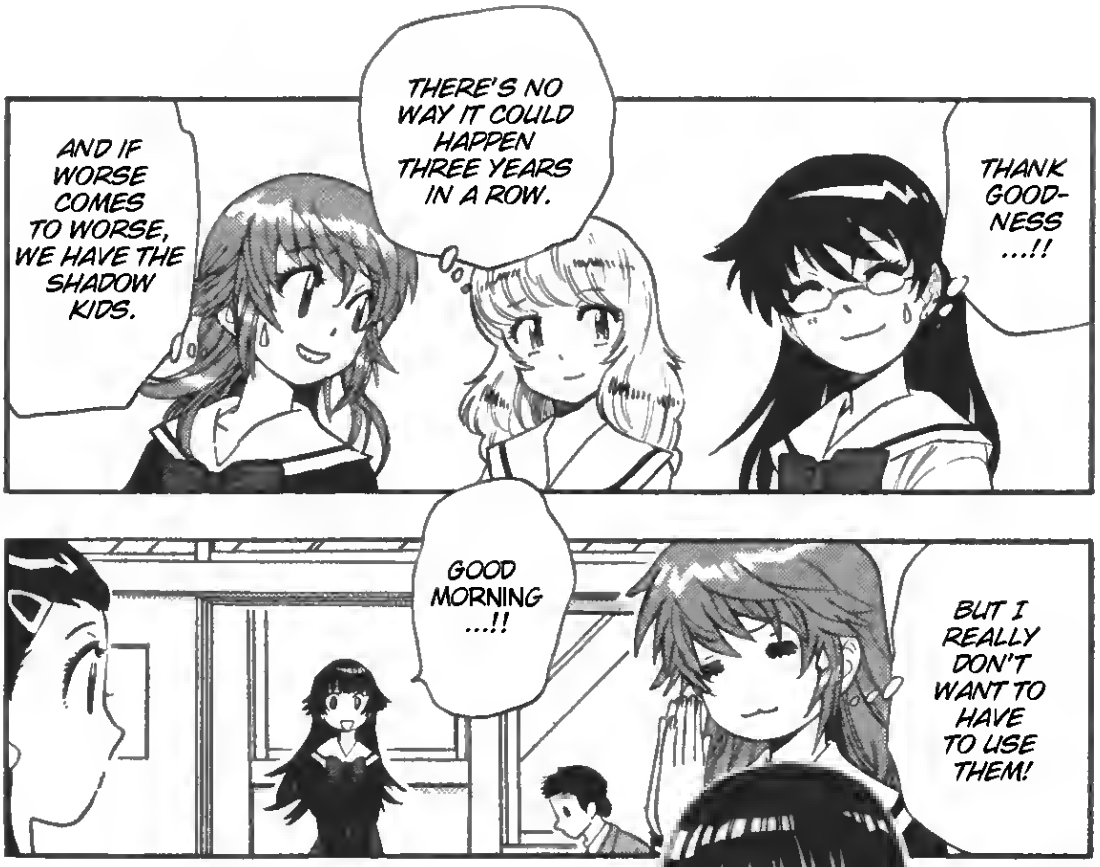

Sorry!! Something came up... Take your time.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Akashi - Nogami - Sannomiya

The day of the party


C-CONGRAT-ULATIONS, HANAI-SAN.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!
TH-THANKS...


IT WAS LIKE THAT LAST YEAR... AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT.
BEING IN SOMEONE'S HOUSE LIKE THAT...IS TOUGH.
SORRY.
WE HAD MISSIONS... I MEAN ERRANDS...
THAT WE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF...

BUT, BUT... THIS YEAR WILL BE FINE FOR SURE!!
IT CAN BE AN APOLOGY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS!!
PLEASE!! GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE!
... OKAY.
THANKS. ♡


THANK GOOD-NESS ...!!
THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD HAPPEN THREE YEARS IN A ROW.
AND IF WORSE COMES TO WORSE, WE HAVE THE SHADOW KIDS.
BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO USE THEM!
GOOD MORNING ...!!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CHISATO-CHAN.
WANNA COME, YUURI-CHAN?
EH!?

ME...
GO TO A PARTY WITH EVERYONE ...?
ふる ふる ふる
U-UM...
IT'S FINE IF YOU'RE BUSY...
I'M NOT BUSY!!
I'M FREE!! REALLY FREE!!
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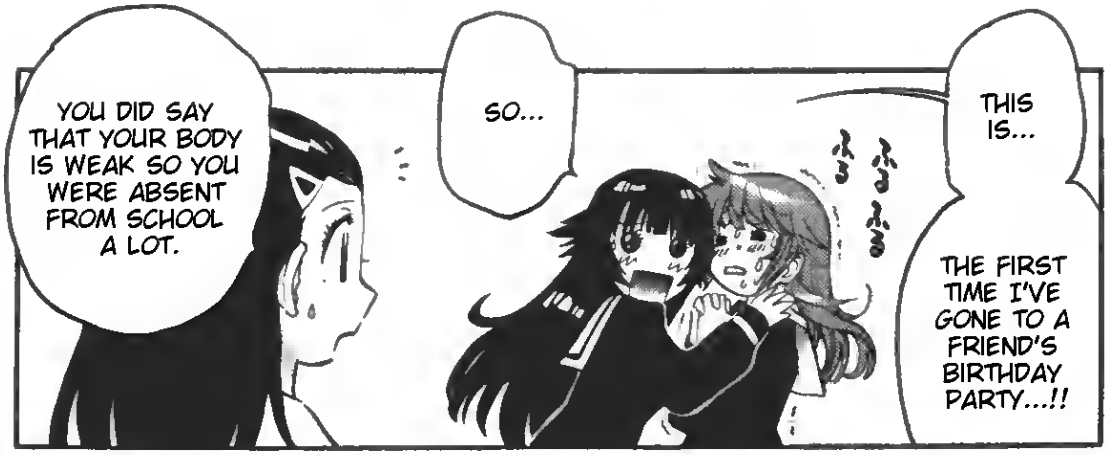
I'LL GO!! FOR SURE!!
AH...
WAIT, WAAH!?
I'M FINE SEXUALLY HARASSING PEOPLE, BUT THE REVERSE IS A BIT...AHH!!
THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME!!
DON'T WORRY.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT MAKES A HABIT OF IT.


YOU DID SAY THAT YOUR BODY IS WEAK SO YOU WERE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL A LOT.
SO...
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THIS IS...
THE FIRST TIME I'VE GONE TO A FRIEND'S BIRTHDAY PARTY...!!

SO I'M EXTREMELY HAPPY...!!
I TRULY THANK YOU...!!
YES.

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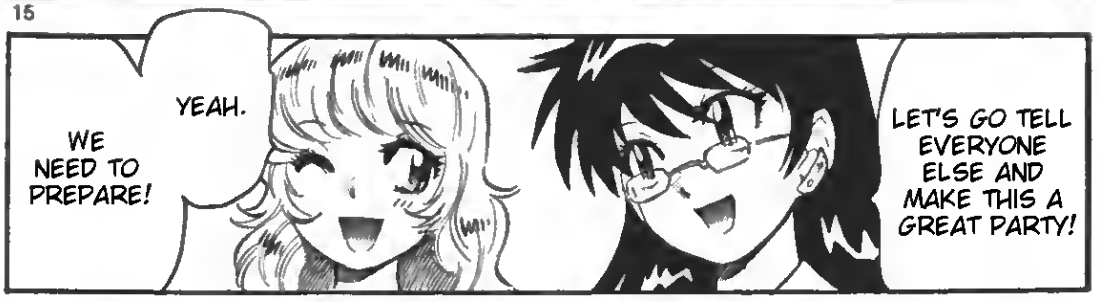
YEAH.
WE NEED TO PREPARE!
LET'S GO TELL EVERYONE ELSE AND MAKE THIS A GREAT PARTY!

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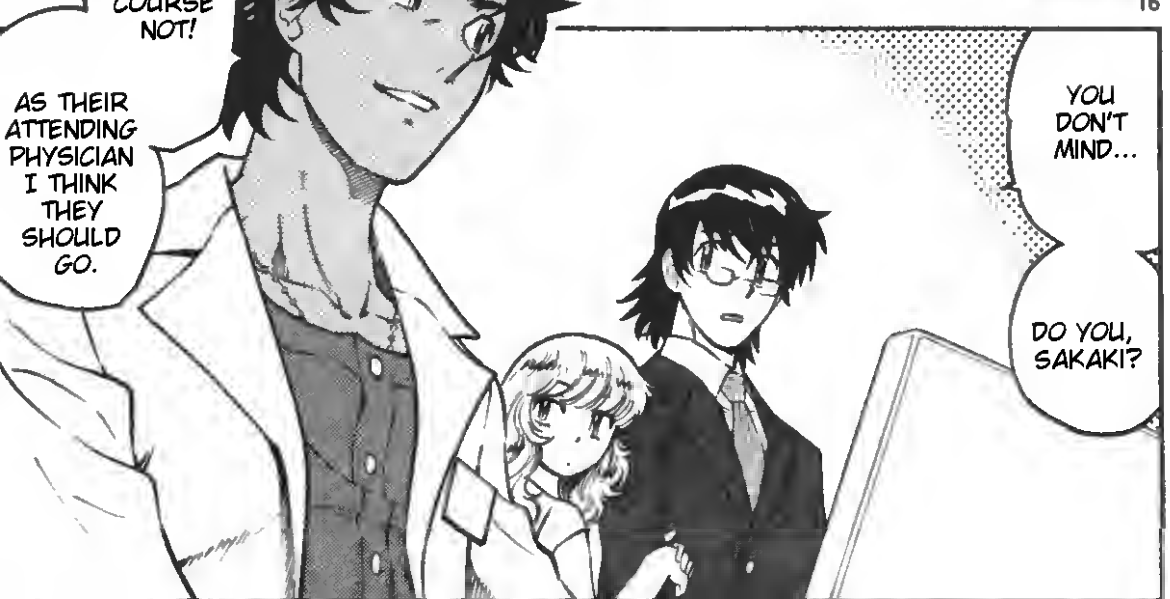
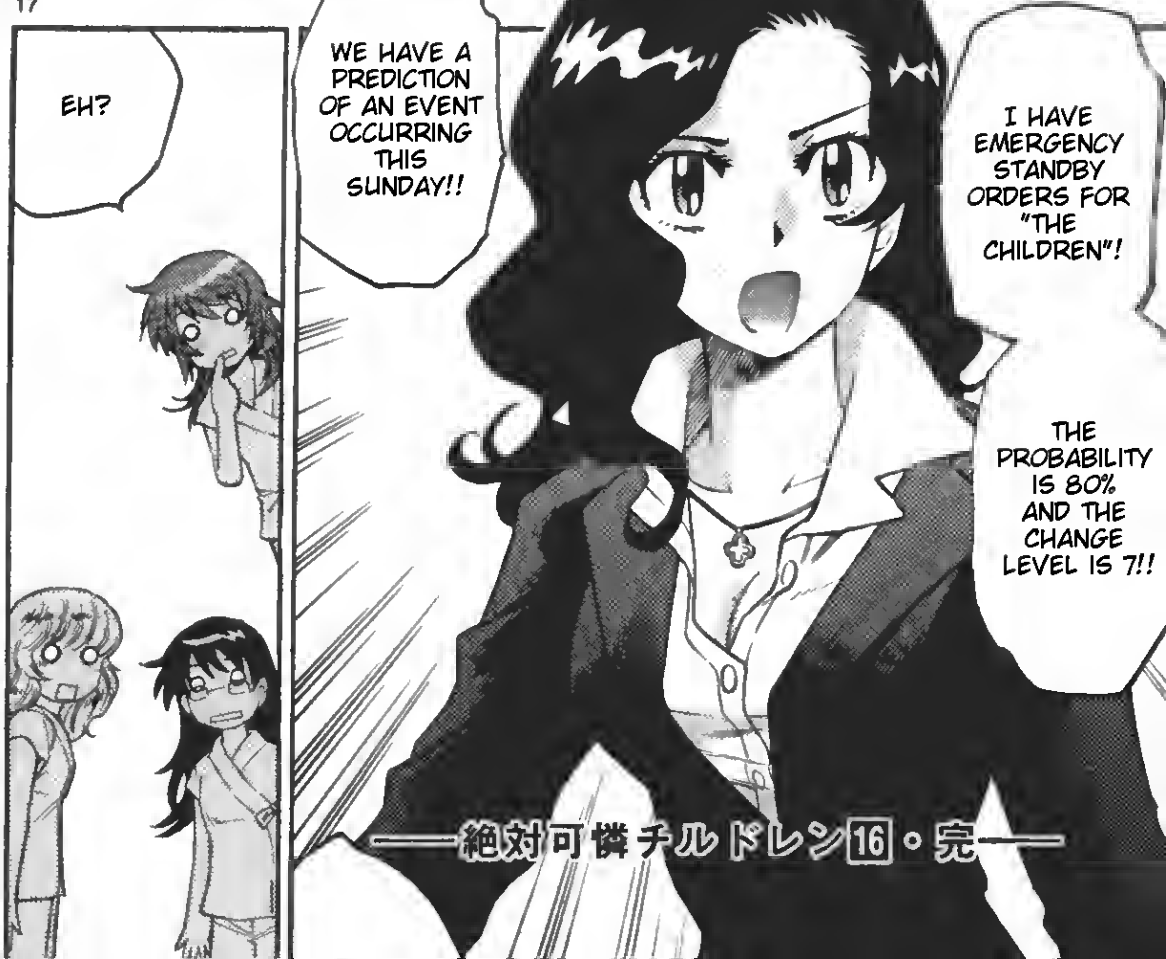
SO THAT'S WHY I WANNA KNOW...
IS IT OKAY IF WE HAVE PLANS FOR THIS SUNDAY?
SURE.
I WON'T SCHEDULE ANY EXAMS OR TRAINING FOR THEN.


YOU DON'T MIND...
DO YOU, SAKAKI?
OF COURSE NOT!
AS THEIR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN I THINK THEY SHOULD GO.

YAAAY!!
HAVE FUN.
HAVING FUN WITH FRIENDS...
IS GOOD CONDITIONING FOR THEIR POWERS.
ALL RIGHT!!

EVERYONE ...!!
WELL, AS LONG AS NO EMERGENCY MISSIONS POP UP...


EH?
WE HAVE A PREDICTION OF AN EVENT OCCURRING THIS SUNDAY!!
I HAVE EMERGENCY STANDBY ORDERS FOR "THE CHILDREN"!
THE PROBABILITY IS 80% AND THE CHANGE LEVEL IS 7!!
——絶対可憐チルドレン16・完——

絶対可憐チルドレン⑯

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OMAKE.

YOUR MISSION IS TO GUARD THEM.
WILL YOU DO IT?
THESE ARE THE CHILDREN!
I VOLUNTEER AS WELL!!
YES!!
PLEASE LET US DO IT!!
TO DO THIS MISSION!
I WANT TO USE THE POWERS I'VE REGAINED ...
I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT I FEEL SOMETHING ...!!

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THE RESPONSES GIVES FEEDBACK BY USING ELECTRICAL STIMULI, SO BRACE YOURSELF!
TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH WHAT THE MISSION WILL ENTAIL!
THEN USE THE LATEST VIRTUAL MACHINES...

BEGIN THE SIMULATION!
<Children>
Good morning.
What should we do today?

<Talk>
About the mission.
About the weather.
About the food.
"Hero
CLICK
CLICK CLICK
WE CAN HANDLE THIS LEVEL OF GAME!!

HEH...
SO WE JUST HAVE TO CLEAR THIS!?

AN EASY VICTORY!!

AHH!?
Touch
WAIT ...

TRAP!!
A-AN OBVIOUS ...

Where do you touch her?
CLICK
3
They went through severe training before starting the mission!
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO IF YOU ACTUALLY PISSED OFF A "LEVEL 7". ♡
IT'S A GOOD THING WE'RE USING A SIMULATION.
OKAY, YOU'RE DEAD!
GYAAAAH!!
DAMN THIS GAME AND ITS REALISM!!